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By **MARLIKE COX**

PROTESTORS fighting against plans for a new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth fear defeat after the Government signalled a delay in introducing its pollution standards promise.

It comes just months after the coalition vowed to bring in tough Emissions Performance Standards (EPS) to ensure power companies used efficient Carbon Capture Storage (CCS) when building new stations.

But the Government has failed to include the EPS pledge in its autumn Energy Bill, with plans now expected to take up to two years to finalise. And green groups now fear energy giant E.ON could slip through its plans for Kingsnorth during that time.

Joss Garman, Greenpeace energy campaigner, said: "There's a very similar project to Kingsnorth in Hunterston in Scotland, where the decision on approval is imminent.

"I think if E.ON sees this plant get approved without the EPS in place, it will want to push it's own in behind."

Kent Green Party spokesman Steve Dawe echoed Greenpeace's concerns, stating the Government's decision could spark a revival of power station proposals.

"The Government's decision could lead not only to a massive, polluting coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth, but other coal schemes elsewhere in the country," he said.

"Current worldwide greenhouse gas emissions need to be radically reduced in the next five years if dangerous increases in global temperatures are to be avoided."

In May, plans at Kingsnorth remained uncertain after the new 'clean coal' measures

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Fears that delay to securing pollution standards could see new coal-fired plant at Kingsnorth pushed through

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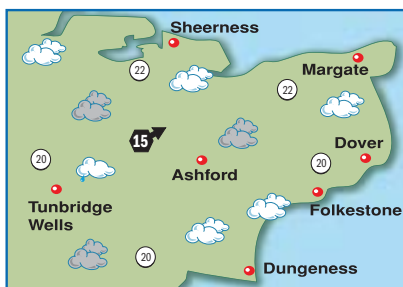


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Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	showers	18	64	London	thunder	22	72
Belfast	showers	17	63	Liverpool	fair	19	66
Birmingham	rain	19	66	Manchester	drizzle	19	66
B'mouth	rain	20	68	Newcastle	fair	19	66
Bristol	rain	19	66	Norwich	drizzle	21	70
Cardiff	rain	19	66	Oxford	rain	20	68
Cork	showers	18	64	Southsea	rain	20	68
Edinburgh	drizzle	18	64	S'hampton	rain	20	68
Glasgow	fair	17	63	Southport	fair	19	66
Isle of Man	fair	17	63	Swansea	rain	18	64
Leeds	fair	18	64	Torquay	rain	18	64

Sun & moon

Sunrise	5.51am	Sunset	8.04pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	6.57pm	Moonset	3.22am	8.04pm to 5.53am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	10.39 6.0 23.05 6.0	11.17 6.2 23.40 6.2
Margate	11.36 4.3 - -	00.14 4.4 12.17 4.5
St Mary's	04.14 4.7 16.30 5.1	04.53 5.0 17.08 5.3

Week ahead

monday Sunny spells. max 21C min 11C	thursday Risk of showers. max 21C min 13C
tuesday Staying fine. max 20C min 10C	friday Cloudy with rain. max 20C min 12C
wednesday Dry. Sunshine. max 20C min 10C	saturday Heavy showers. max 21C min 11C

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Poster's shock tactics targets young arsonists

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HARD-HITTING pictures of a firefighter with horrific burns are being used in a campaign to warn youngsters about the dangers of starting fires.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service will display the posters around the county in a bid to crackdown on arson following a spate of deliberate fires this summer.

To really bring home the message, Sittingbourne firefighter Mat Barney is using his own experience to shock youngsters into taking notice.

Mr Barney sustained horrific burns to his arms and face while tackling a grass fire at Dartford Heath in 2005.

He said: "We were there as a relief crew and there was lots of rubbish so we think a petrol can exploded and sent a jet of flames into my face. It was so intense, I was suddenly disorientated and fell over some more rubbish onto the scorched ground. The pain was excruciating. "People don't realise how quickly a fire can

flare up or change direction and if an experienced firefighter like me can be affected, so can those who start them and they can easily be killed."

A large number of fires have recently been started deliberately around the Dartford Heath area.

Phil Rice, Dartford fire station manager, said Mr Barney's experience is a simple and shocking example of what can happen.

Actions

"This poster is part of an ongoing campaign which has also seen fire crews out in the local community," he said.

"Our education team has been visiting local schools and Dartford Borough Council has been carrying out regular patrols of the open land. We are pleased to report the number of incidents on the heath has actually fallen in the past month after we initially experienced



DISTURBING: Poster of Mat Barney's arm

a sudden increase earlier in the summer.

"However, we can't afford to be complacent and will continue to tackle this by warning culprits that they face fines or several years in jail – possibly a life sentence if someone is killed as a result of their actions."

Mr Barney added: "The youngsters who are doing this might think it's harmless fun, but fire can spread so fast and cause massive amounts of destruction. It also diverts our valuable resources from other incidents and puts firefighters' lives at risk."

To report any information on fire setting anonymously call CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

Minister brands claims as 'ludicrous'

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were unveiled by Prime Minister David Cameron.

He described the mandatory CCS technology, which captures carbon dioxide, as essential in ensuring the country could continue burning coal for electricity while meeting strict targets on greenhouse gas emissions.

Both the Tories and Lib Dems agreed to implement EPS, to make sure CCS used at stations was efficient in limiting the amount of pollutants released into the environment.

It meant construction of coal-fired stations, like the one planned for the Hoo peninsula, may have been prevented unless they met the tough standards.

But with delays in EPS being legally introduced and no set standards currently in place,

campaigners believe it will be easier for power stations to be pushed through.

Greenpeace's Mr Garman said: "EPS was one of the green policies personally championed by David Cameron and Nick Clegg, and yet now it seems they're turning away from it."

"The Lib Dems claim to be the greenest party, but how can that be when they don't show their commitment to this?"

White Paper

"There will be a consultation on EPS for six months, then a White Paper will come out in a year, so it won't be included in the Energy Bill until 2012."

He added: "Until anything does happen, power stations can be built as they were under the Labour government, which is

something the coalition, when in opposition, wanted to change."

But energy minister Chris Huhne has branded the claim as "ludicrous".

"We are moving as quickly as possible and our consultation on a radical reform of the electricity market to deliver secure, affordable and low-carbon energy will be out within six months of election while a White Paper will be published within a year," he said.

"We consider planning applications thoroughly and will not allow any new coal-power station to be built without being equipped with CCS. While we will consult on the final details of an EPS, I am clear that without CCS it would be impossible to meet such a standard."

E.ON is currently conducting a study on CCS with funding from

the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

It forms part of a governmental competition where E.ON will battle it out with Scottish Power's Longannet plant in Fife to win £1 billion of funding for a new CCS facility.

A spokesman from E.ON denied they would push plans for a new power station at Kingsnorth forward while EPS was being consulted.

He said: "Even if the system was changing our plans would stay the same. We are currently looking to develop CCS as part of our study and nothing else is happening."

In October, 2009, the firm announced it was delaying plans for a new station on the Hoo peninsula due to lack of demand for electricity in the recession.



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Calls for rail firm to show restraint over ticket price increase

By **MARIJKE COX**

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AN INFLATION-busting hike on train fares has forced passenger groups to call for restraint on price-setting as Kent's commuters prepare for the worst.

For some, the cost of a season ticket could soar above £4,000 under the current pricing formula, which allows Southeastern to increase fares by the Retail Price Index (RPI) plus three per cent.

Although the train company has not yet set its fares for next year, the announcement by Government this week that inflation has been put at 4.8 per cent means it has the flexibility to increase ticket prices by 7.8 per cent.

And more worryingly for commuters, Southeastern's franchise agreement gives it the headroom to increase some fares by RPI plus five per cent, as long as the average rise across the county stays at inflation plus three per cent.

It means on some popular routes, long-suffering commuters could see a massive rise of almost 10 per cent.

For an annual season ticket from eastern parts of the county, this would cost some £4,200 and on the high-speed service around £5,100.

Tunde Olatunji, Kent manager for independent rail watchdog Passenger Focus, said he will be making representations on behalf of Kent passengers to try and stop Southeastern putting costs up by the maximum amount.

"Southeastern will do what it is allowed to do, so I wouldn't imagine them to go lower than three per cent," he said.

"We hope, however, the company will show some restraint when considering price increases on different routes.

"We've got to dissuade them putting up some by five per cent. Passengers will be even more frustrated if they go to buy a ticket expecting RPI plus three per cent and they are faced with even higher charges. We would like to see the average apply across the board."



STEEP LINE: Some Kent commuters could see a rise of nearly 10 per cent on their ticket

He added: "Kent passengers already see bigger increases than the rest of the country – Southeastern needs to show restraint."

A spokesman at Southeastern said they were unable to confirm prices until the end of the year, but he admitted it was Government policy to reduce subsidies to train companies and put the cost of running the railways onto those who use it.

"What Government is trying to do is reduce the costs off the taxpayer, by making passengers pay more through fares," he said.

"People criticise the prices by saying it's cheaper in places like France, but in France 90 per cent of the cost is paid for by taxpayers. It means train tickets are only artificially low because people are actually paying through tax."

Inflation

The spokesman added: "Nobody wants to see fares rise. We're going to try and put together rises in as fair a way as we possibly can in the arrangements we have with the Government."

Other train companies across the UK are not under the same franchise agreement as Kent and can only increase fares by inflation plus one per cent.

Potential changes to the current pricing formula by the Department for Transport, however, could see other companies brought in line with the county.

But fears are the Government could go even further and push the three per cent up by even more.

The Southeastern spokesman said: "This is the last year of RPI plus three per cent in Kent – in 2012 we will be back to one per cent plus inflation. But Government may decide to raise this across the board."

If this happens, commuters will miss out on the long-awaited reprieve from high ticket fares.

Husband pleads not guilty to car bomb

A FORMER soldier has denied trying to murder his pregnant wife by planting a car bomb beneath their car.

Nicholas Fabian, 33, of Vigo, near Meopham, also pleaded not guilty to grievous bodily harm with intent and to causing an explosion likely to endanger life when he appeared at Maidstone Crown Court this week.

His wife Victoria Fabian, 32, suffered serious leg injuries when her vehicle exploded on March 6 this year.

The couple's unborn baby was unharmed.

Fabian will stand trial on January 31, 2011.

BBC uncover scam charity collections

BOGUS clothing collectors have been scamming people into donating clothes to a breast cancer charity before making off with the goods, an investigation has revealed.

The BBC secretly filmed the group of contractors who claimed to be raising money in Kent for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. But no money was ever handed over to the charity.

Fundraising director Chris Askew said the charity was saddened at the suggestion it was playing a part in the scam.

Worrying increase in young jobseekers

YOUTH unemployment has increased more in Medway over the past year than anywhere else in the country.

According to the Trades Union Congress there were 800 young people aged between 18-24 claiming jobseekers' allowance in June – a huge increase of 158 per cent.

Cllr Vince Maple, Medway Labour's spokesman for children's services, said: "There is a clear problem here in Medway. These are not just statistics on a piece of paper, but young people who have been let down by a lack of support from the Tories and Lib Dems."

Father-of-two hung himself during woodland sex game

A BIZARRE sexual role play resulted in the death of a former city banker who allegedly hired two prostitutes to act as his executioners, writes **Chris Murphy**.

Police are now trying to piece together the final hours of 44-year-old Colin Birch, who was found hanging in woodland near his Erith home last weekend.

Three people – a male and two females – have been arrested and bailed as inquiries continue.

Some reports say Mr Birch hired the women from an escort agency he had used in the past.

It is believed the women – aged 44 and 45

– went along with what they thought was a bizarre, but harmless hanging game, only to receive a shock when the married father-of-two really died.

He allegedly told them he was going to wear a harness throughout the role play, but it appears that was not the case.

The 41-year-old man who was also arrested is thought to be the taxi driver who took the women to the woods.

Mr Birch's family has declined to comment on his death.

A police spokesman said: "We are continuing to investigate this difficult case and prepare evidence for an inquest."

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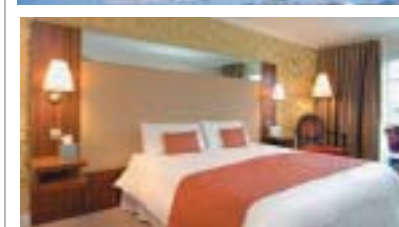
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Family pay tribute to son killed in action

By **JOE BILL**

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A BRAVE Gurkha has been killed by insurgents in Afghanistan while trying to build a protective barrier for other soldiers in Helmand Province.

Sapper Ishwor Gurung, from the 69 Gurkha Field Squadron, died when his unit came under attack during construction of a new barricade to increase protection to the Shahzad Operating Base.

Members of his troop tried to save the 22-year-old but the Ministry of Defence confirmed that Sapper Gurung had been killed in action soon after.

Ishwor was attached to the 36 Engineer Regiment based at the Invicta Barracks, Maidstone, and was on his first tour in Afghanistan.

The news comes only a month after Maidstone's 36 engineer regiment lost Mark Smith in a friendly fire incident in Helmand Province.

The devastated mother of Sapper Ishwor Gurung said: "Our family is devastated with the news of Ishwor's death in Afghanistan."

"Ishwor was 14 when his father died and he fully supported the family as a young man. He was a very caring and a very bright boy. He followed in his father's footsteps, his father was a soldier in the Indian Army."

"He loved the Army and was very proud to be a Gurkha. I am proud my son served in the British Army and that he died doing a job he loved."

The Sapper leaves his mother Sun-kumari, brother Ramprasad and sister Richa.

Ishwor was born in Pokhara, Nepal, in October 1988. He then went on to pass selection for the Brigade of Gurkhas and completed infantry training in Catterick, North Yorkshire, in 2007.

The keen boxer completed his Combat Engineer training at the Royal School of Military Engineering before being posted to 69 Gurkha Field Squadron, part of 36 Engineer Regiment in Maidstone where he also trained as a bricklayer and concreter.

Major Ian Moore, Royal Engineers, Officer Commanding 69 Gurkha Field Squadron, added: "Sapper Ishwor Gurung was an outstanding young soldier."

"He was the archetypal Gurkha; always well turned out, unbelievably polite and modest to the core. That said, he was never



Picture: MOD

KILLED IN ACTION: Sapper Ishwor Gurung

afraid to ask questions and he readily engaged me when he felt the need.

"My last meeting with him was a typical example of this, as we sat late into the evening talking about his plans for post tour leave in Nepal and what the Squadron would do on its return to the UK."

Meanwhile, the funeral of Sapper Mark Smith, 26, from Swanley, was held on Thursday afternoon.

Woman robbed

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a 69-year-old Asian woman had her necklace snatched as she walked down a street.

The victim, from Gravesend, was walking close to the Guru Nanak Day Centre in Waterloo Street on Wednesday, at around 12.15pm, when she felt someone grab her around the neck from behind.

She fell to the ground holding onto her gold necklace, which the robber was also holding.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC King on 01474 366093 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Healthy rivalry

KENT Police's first aid skills are being put to the test in a competition with the Dorset force.

Competitors will face a written examination before being called to an incident where they will administer first aid in real time.

The event, called the Police National First Aid Challenge, is taking place on September 25 and 26 at an old airport hangar owned by Dorset Police.

Assistant Chief Constable of Kent Police, Allyn Thomas, said: "Although we are not medical professionals we have a duty to protect life and all our operational officers and staff are trained in first aid."

Try out to join

MENSA will be holding IQ tests in Gillingham to see who else is worthy of joining the society.

A supervised session will be held at the King Charles Hotel, at 1.30pm on Saturday, September 25. The cost of the test is £15.

Gillingham is already home to 39 members, with a further 2,650 across the rest of the South East.

Go to www.mensa.org.uk and look at the IQ test section to book.

Extradition threat for battery-selling golfer

A GOLF club president faces extradition after being accused of selling vital components to Iran to help build lethal missiles.

The surface-to-air rockets can take out passing aircraft, and Christopher Tappin is wanted by US authorities for apparently selling batteries for the weapons.

Mr Tappin, 63, from Farnborough in Bromley, is the president of the Kent County Golf Union and now faces up to 35 years in an American prison if found guilty.

The retired businessman has vehemently denied any wrong-doing and is fighting the move to extradite him.

Mr Tappin said he would be happy to face a British rather than an American court, but added: "I was the victim of the unlawful conduct of US agents who pretended to belong to a false company known as Mercury Global Enterprises. It exists solely to ensnare unsuspecting importers."

"I live here with my family and the alleged crimes were committed here. My wife suffers from Churg-Strauss syndrome, which is a

very serious condition, and she needs my constant support and attention."

The allegations against Mr Tappin arose after he became involved with a US customs front-company to supply specialised £5,000 batteries to Holland.

He maintains that Iranian missiles were never mentioned during any negotiations.

Mr Tappin has the backing of the human rights group Liberty, whose director Shami Chakrabarti has called for a review of the "rotten" Extradition Act.

She said: "If Mr Tappin really has been up to no good in Orpington, let the authorities come up with hard evidence in a British court."

"Until the act is amended, no-one who indulges in foreign holidays, business dealings or mere use of the internet is safe from being shipped off like freight on the basis of allegations from around the world."

The extradition hearing is on Thursday, September 2, at the City of Westminster Magistrates' Court.

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THE INTERVIEW



BY JANE CONNOLLY

Learn the art of business with Crista



ARTISTIC FLAIR: Crista Cloutier means business in her workshops

ARTISTS can get to grips with the business world by taking part in a special workshop in Tunbridge Wells.

Although the life of an artist might seem far removed from the world of commerce, even creative people need to know how to make a living from their passion. Art consultant Crista Cloutier invites Kent artists to join her for a one-day workshop at the Wobblybridge Art Gallery, where she hopes to equip them with some key tools for a successful career.

Cloutier hails from America and while running her own award-winning gallery in Phoenix, Arizona, she frequently came across this problem.

"One of the things they don't teach you in art school is how to handle your business as an artist," she said. "I see it all the time. When you look at art schools, the number of people who actually go on to be working artists is very few. I worked a lot with university students when I had the gallery and they just asked so many questions, I realised they were not being prepared. They didn't really know what would happen after graduation. They'd been in a rarefied world where someone was telling them what to make and how to make it, but they had no idea how to price the work or get into a gallery."

Cloutier also ran an art publishing compa-

ny in the US for 10 years, before love brought her to Tunbridge Wells. This means she has seen the art world from the perspective of both a gallery owner and an art-seller, so she understands the need for artists to have business acumen.

"From what I understand, classes like this in the past have been subsidised, so people are not used to one-off workshops like this," she said. "People in the States are more likely to take these classes than in England. But we need to get people to take the leap and see it as an investment in their career."

Cloutier divides her time between the US and Tunbridge Wells, but the opening of the Wobblybridge Art Gallery earlier this year led to exciting new possibilities.

"I do the workshop in the States and when Paul Leeson opened the gallery, we started chatting about different ideas," she said. "He was excited about it and the idea of it becoming a regular thing, because there are so many artists in the area."

Artists who take part in the workshop will learn important skills like how to approach galleries, how to market their work to the public and how to reach their career goals.

"If this works, I would love to do more, because I just love connecting with artists and helping them to find their passion."

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Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media, said: "As soon as we knew the iPad was set for release, we began working on an app with our developers PageSuite.

"I am extremely pleased with the app, it will offer huge advantages to our readers who have access to one."

The iPad app launch follows the success of KOS Media's news app for the Apple iPhone last year. The company was the first regional media group to give iPhone users access to its news in this way.

Both apps can be downloaded free from Apple's App Store. As well as the latest news, views and sport affecting Kent, it also allows users to search for jobs, homes and cars and even see the full e-edition of one of the 16 different KOS Media newspapers.

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New chief to be open about pay

COUNTY Hall's new group managing director has vowed to make senior managers' pay and expenses public.

Katherine Kerswell, who took over from former chief executive Peter Gilroy in July, will publish her own salary alongside others on Kent County Council's website next month. She is also urging other leading figures across the country to do the same.

The former chief at Northamptonshire County Council is keeping her previous pay of £197,000 a year. Her predecessor took home between £210,000 and £215,000.

Mrs Kerswell is president of Solace, the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives, which advises chief executives to tell the media not to compare salaries with that of the Prime Minister as it is "not comparable".

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Gendarmes give UK policing a go

FRENCH police officers have been patrolling the streets of Canterbury as part of an exchange programme.

Johan Tourbier, Jimmy Clain and Eric Gaudet have been sharing best practice with their Kentish counterparts following an exercise on the other side of the Channel last year.

The group has settled in quickly, with Officer Tourbier foiling an attempted burglary at the new Marlowe Theatre construction site.

Chief Supt John Molly said: "It was a pleasure to have the officers with us. Our French visitors have been pleased to see them too."

Sell-by date fine

SELLING food past its use-by date earned a Thanet shopkeeper a £3,465 fine.

Krisnapillai Saseendran, who owns the Spar and Costcutter stores in Northdown Road, Margate, pleaded guilty to 21 offences under the Food Safety Act.

He was fined £150 per offence plus £300 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge when he appeared before town magistrates this week.

Saseendran had previously been cautioned by Kent Trading Standards for the same activity, which had occurred over at least two years.

Egyptian fun days

EGYPTIAN-themed activities for children will take place at Maidstone Museum this week.

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Visit www.museum.maidstone.gov.uk for more information.

Glad to be alive after big African adventure

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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HE WAS robbed, shot at and pelted with stones, but Spencer Conway still became the first man ever to complete a solo circumnavigation of Africa by motorbike.

The pioneering petrol-head clocked up 34,000 miles travelling through 34 countries in nine months, and even managed to raise £25,000 for Save the Children.

Now safely back home in Biddenden, near Ashford, the 42-year-old admits there were times he felt he would never see Kent again.

He said: "The low point was being shot at by three Kenyans with AK47 rifles. I waved to them and one opened fire, shooting out the bike's back wheel.

"I fell, and saw them run towards me from the hill they were on. I clambered back on the bike, and rode away.

"After a couple of miles I was exhausted and fell into a ditch where I lay for an hour-and-a-half. That was really depressing.

"A week later it really hit me how close I was to being shot dead – I felt so alone and needed someone to talk to. I thought I was going to be shot in the back as I rode away.



"I was later told they had probably run out of bullets. Guns are very cheap, but ammunition is very expensive."

Gun-toting bandits were not the only perils Spencer faced on his mammoth journey, which took him through Europe, across north Africa to Ethiopia, down to South Africa and up the west coast to the Mediterranean,



WELCOME RETURN: Spencer Conway and his bike are reunited with his daughters

crossing to Spain, France and then home.

The former teacher was also pelted with stones by villagers in Egypt and robbed in Namibia, but admits the stories will come in handy when he embarks on a tour of schools to speak to children about his adventures.

Spencer said a major highlight was when he finally emerged from 11 hours of hacking his way through 11 miles of dense jungle with a machete, to find a hut that was actually the border post in the Congo that had not been used by anyone in four years.

He said: "That was a big high point. I felt I had earned my miles on that stretch, rather than just cruise down a Tarmac road."

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By **MARIJKE COX**

HEALTH trusts have come under fire by campaigners who claim patients are being put at risk through failure to implement safety alerts.

A report based on a Freedom of Information request by charity Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) revealed how six trusts in Kent had patient safety alerts outstanding.

They are issued by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) when potentially life-threatening or harmful situations are seen in healthcare organisations, such as risks of overdoses or using equipment incorrectly.

Trusts are then expected to implement safer measures within a set time limit.

Peter Walsh, chief executive of AvMA, said alerts are not issued for one-off incidents, but when something is repeatedly going wrong within an NHS Trust.

"Our findings are very worrying, bearing in mind patient safety alerts deal with recognised life and death issues and the Department of Health itself issued a wake-up call to trusts following our last report in February," he said.

"There can be no excuse for trusts continuing to put lives at unnecessary risk by not complying with these alerts, or the relevant authorities turning a blind eye."

While the number of patient safety alerts outstanding dropped at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent from four to one since February, and at the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust from one to zero, others failed to keep up.

The report showed Medway NHS Foundation Trust had six overdue alerts, West Kent NHS eight and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust 10.

A spokeswoman from the Medway trust, however, said it has since achieved compliance with two of the alerts – one relating to oxygen safety and one to a specific orthopaedic procedure.

Another related to blood transfusion procedures where all staff in contact with blood were

Claims patients at risk as NHS fail to meet safety alerts

required to have their competency assessed.

A national deadline for 100 per cent completion on this was extended to November.

The spokeswoman added: "Two other alerts are related to one another and refer to use of NHS numbers. Finally, one relates to a specific urology practice and the availability of an ultrasound machine at night. We are following the recommendation by NPSA and waiting for further guidance from the British Association of Urological Surgeons."

West Kent NHS, which had eight outstanding alerts, also responded to the report.

Barrie Collins, chief nurse at West Kent Community Health, NHS West Kent's provider arm, said patient safety is of utmost importance.

Storage

"We are confident this is not compromised because of these outstanding alerts," he said.

Of the alerts two related to ensuring correct doses of medication were used, one related to vaccine storage, another to medicines in care homes and one to ensure safe use of therapy.

Others were connected to West Kent Community Health, including a review of patient weighing scales, patient wristbands and staff training.

Mr Collins said: "Some of these alerts

require complex and detailed work, such as action plans to ensure complete compliance.

"This has meant that in a small number of cases we have not been able to complete all the work in the time requested by the NPSA.

"We are working hard to make sure the necessary work is done to meet the alert and

that we continue to improve patient safety."

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust was highlighted in the report as having 16 overdue alerts, but director of nursing Flo Panel-Coates branded the report "inaccurate and out of date".

"We currently have five outstanding NPSA alerts where we have taken action, but they have not been completely resolved," she said.

"In the last two and a half years the trust has implemented a rigorous new policy in the management of these alerts which is constantly being reviewed and updated.

"We are also scrupulous in not declaring compliance with the NPSA alert unless we are 100 per cent certain that we are fully compliant."

Ms Panel-Coates added that the NPSA said the report "misrepresents" the hard work and professionalism by clinicians.

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust said nine of its 10 outstanding alerts had in fact now been cleared.

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust had just one alert outstanding.



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BRITAIN'S Got Talent finalist Paul Burling is set to host Medway's search for a star. The impressionist who wowed Simon Cowell will run the rule over the town's talent later this year. Auditions will be at Chatham's Central Theatre on September 19, with Paul hosting the final on October 17. See www.evolution-productions.co.uk.

Timely appearance of missing watch

A MISSING watch has been reunited with its delighted owner after more than a decade.

The timepiece was handed in to West Malling police after it was found by a resident who spotted a name and date engraved on the back.

PC Becky Ballard tracked down a woman from Ryarsh, near West Malling, who had been a victim of a burglary earlier this month.

The woman said she had not lost a watch in that incident, but lost another one a decade ago.



ROYALTY: King Richard III, below, is reputed to be the father of an illegitimate son who is buried in a tomb bearing the name of Richard Plantagenet, top, at a ruined church near Ashford, below

Church has lost tomb of 'king's son'

By **NICK AMES**

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THE body of a man who but for a lost battle could have become king of England is reputed to lie under a long-forgotten tomb in a ruined church near Ashford.

The illegitimate son of Richard III, who lost the Battle of Bosworth Field and ended Plantagenet rule, is believed to have spent his final days as a stonemason on the Eastwell Manor estate.

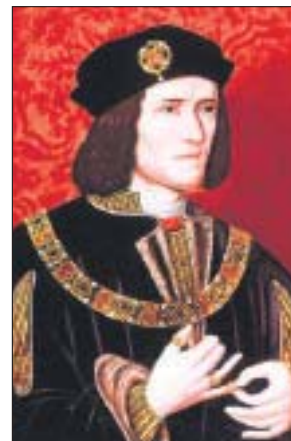
He had fled to the place where he was brought up and was fearful of revealing his identity as the victorious Henry Tudor was consolidating his throne by getting rid of all rival claimants.

The tomb is one of the few surviving relics of the church which was partially destroyed in a Second World War bombing raid.

It bears the name of Richard Plantagenet and a date of 1560.

The story is that Sir Thomas Moyle, who was building the existing manor house close to the site 450 years ago, was fascinated by an old workman named Richard who was, unusually for the time, able to read.

Sir Thomas asked the old man his life story and was told he had been brought up by a schoolmas-



ter with no knowledge of his parentage.

Historian Arthur Mee looked into the tale in the 1930s and wrote how the old man had met his father as a boy, after arriving following a long journey on horseback in "a vast camp all a-buzz with knights and bowmen".

Stately

He said: "The boy was brought to a tent where he saw a stately man in a rich suit of armour."

"He put his hands on the boy's shoulders and said: 'Richard I am your father. If I prevail in tomorrow's battle I will provide for you as befits your blood. But it may be that I shall be killed, that I shall not see you again'."

"The boy asked, stammering: 'Sir Father! Who are you?'"

"I am king of England today," said the man. "But only heaven knows what I may be tomorrow. "If the Earl of Richmond [later King Henry VII] wins the day he will seek out the Plantagenets and crush them."

"Tell no one who you are unless I am victorious."

After the lost battle the young boy fled back to Eastwell and was lost to obscurity until the story was coaxed from him.

Sir Thomas was – according to the story – touched and allowed the aged Richard to live for free in a small house. It was after his death that he built the tomb.



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Children's art excites Laureate

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A DYNAMIC art project inspired by youngsters at play has been commended by the Children's Laureate.

Anthony Browne, who was awarded the honour in June last year, said the new Building Blocks exhibition at Margate's Droit House was inspiring and one of the best projects he had ever seen.

Created by Kent-based artists as part of a learning programme led by the Turner Contemporary arts organisation, the project looked to highlight the creativity of different generations.

The artists used inspiration taken from the inventiveness of their own children and worked with them to create the exhibition.

Mr Browne said: "The idea of seeing parents and children working together on artwork is nothing I've ever seen before. "This is one of the most exciting projects I've ever seen."

"Each family you see a connection between them, but they all still have their differences. It's fascinating to see."

Speaking about his own work with children, Mr Browne, who lives in Canterbury, admitted art had helped him relate to youngsters in some awkward situations.

He said: "I wrote a book based on my time at the Tate Museum where I worked with children who had never been to a museum."

"When I started talking to them they were awkward and I was awkward as it was a difficult place to talk. But we responded through pictures and warmed to each other and found it interesting by entering the pictures."

Mr Browne, an internationally acclaimed author and illustrator of children's books, said working with children can help adults find the creativity they thought they had lost.

The novelist, who took the position of Children's Laureate from Dame Jacqueline Wilson, is pushing for more adults to appreciate picture books.

Greens in call to take car parks to another level

SURFACE car parks are a waste of space and should be replaced by multi-storeys instead, say environmental campaigners.

Kent Green Party says the county needs a "radical reduction" of surface areas to park cars to secure more brownfield sites for new homes.

Spokesman Steve Dawe said: "There has been no good news recently for Kent and Medway's 36,000-plus households on council house waiting lists."

"Only about 40 per cent of the housing needed each year is being built but more than 22,000 homes in Kent and Medway are empty."

"Kent Green Party advocates a process of putting surface car parks into use for new brownfield site housing, substituting multi-storey car parks where necessary. But this is not the only measure which would help."

"The average deposit to buy a home now stands at about £36,000, well beyond the reach of many people. How many retail, office and industrial units have been empty for more than six months?"

"If funded, councils could put all such properties into use for social housing, and help cut unemployment in the process."

"Kent Green Party agrees with the British Property Federation that empty properties should be used."

Mr Dawe said the group also wants to encourage drivers to use other forms of transport to get in to town centres.

"I strongly believe picture books are for everybody at any age, not books to be left behind as we grow older," he said.

"Imagination is ageless and I love the fact the works on display combine ideas and inspiration from both children and adults."

The position of Children's Laureate was created following discussions between former Poet Laureate Ted Hughes and children's writer Michael Morpurgo.

It is awarded every two years to an eminent writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievements in their field.

Speaking about his role, Mr Browne said: "I hope to encourage more children to discover and love reading, but I want to focus particularly on the appreciation of picture books, and the reading of both pictures and words."

"Picture books are for everybody at any age, not books to be left behind as we grow older."

"The best ones leave a tantalising gap between the pictures and the words, a gap



that is filled by the reader's imagination, adding so much to the excitement of reading a book."

The Building Blocks exhibition will be open to the public from Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 5pm, until Sunday, September 26.

• Visit www.turnercontemporary.org for more information.



VISIT: (above left) Anthony Browne signs an autograph at the Building Blocks exhibition being held at Droit House in Margate (above)

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Children revel in outdoor pursuits

By **MARIJKE COX**

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QUIRKY outdoor education centres ranging from a barge in Belgium to mountain climbing facilities in Wales are being used to keep children learning through the summer holidays.

The five venues, run by Kent County Council's youth service, provide challenging activities to help youngsters develop life skills and gain confidence for when they are outside the classroom.

Gess Aird, assistant head of the Kent Youth



CHALLENGE: A canoeing course is one of the water-based activities at Bewl Water

Service, said for many children this type of learning is crucial.

"I think it is just as valuable as work inside the classroom," she said.

"Some children struggle with a formal setting, but this kind of education allows

them to tackle different types of challenges and they go back to school with these new skills.

"A lot of the time they don't even realise they are learning and gaining new skills, but these are transferred into other aspects of their lives and education.

"It's crucial for children to be involved in learning outside of the classroom and for me I think it is just as important as learning in school.

"The children are challenged and can do activities they may otherwise not have got the chance to do."

The five venues – Kent Mountain Centre in Wales, the New Petra Dutch Barge in Belgium, Bewl Water residential centre in Lamberhurst, Swattenden outdoor and residential centre in Cranbrook, and Kearsney camp site in Dover – cater for youth groups, schools and families.

They offer varied activities from sailing to mountain climbing and provide accommodation for visitors.

Bowl Water offers specialist courses in dinghy sailing, rock climbing, canoeing, team-building and orienteering, while Swattenden is often used for those completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Ms Aird said: "Some children that go to these centres are from backgrounds where they haven't had the opportunity to do some of these things. Some haven't even been in a tent, so it's a real experience for them.

"The feedback we get is always positive and the repeat business we get is 90 per cent so that speaks for itself.

"Children often say what an amazing time they've had and want to come back."

Cllr Mike Hill, Kent County Council cabinet member for community services, said the centres were important for the youth service.

"Learning is not just about being in the classroom, and these centres give our young people a chance to grow and develop in a way that you could not possibly achieve in a normal classroom environment," he said.

The centres, which are self-funded and rely on no additional funding from KCC, are available for everybody and the local authority is encouraging groups and families to get involved.

For more information about the Kent Youth Service – which supports the county's young people – call 01622 221678 or email youth.enquiries@kent.gov.uk.

• **For more information about all of the outdoor centres visit www.kent.gov.uk/education_and_learning/kent_youth_service/outdoor_education.aspx.**

Campaign to focus on positive '99 per cent' of capital's youth

EDUCATION chiefs are backing a new campaign aimed at tackling negative stereotypes of young people in Bexley.

The scheme was launched last month in response to a survey that revealed more than a quarter of people polled thought about 30 per cent of London's teenagers had been involved in serious youth violence.

The actual figure is just one per cent, and the new campaign aims to celebrate the achievements of the remaining 99 per cent.

Bexley council's cabinet member for education Cllr Simon Windle said: "All too often we see our young people portrayed in a negative light, but I could talk all day about the amazing contribution they make to the life of the borough.

"From our thriving youth council to our motorbike projects, from our annual film

festival to all those young people involved in awards schemes and business challenges – the list goes on and on.

"But unfortunately the stories that stick in the minds of the public are the ones that involve crime and disorder.

"We want to get the message across that the majority of our young people are decent, respectful and well-behaved, and we are proud to have them in our borough."

According to campaign organisers the London Serious Youth Violence Board, less than 0.1 per cent of under-20s in the capital were accused of serious youth violence in 2009.

Chairman Will Tuckley is also the chief executive of Bexley council.

He said: "It's vital we work hard to combat serious youth violence, but don't overlook the 99 per cent of young people.

"I am pleased this important campaign is being supported by councils and organisations across London."

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Hospital is sued after negligence kills baby

A GRIEVING mother has launched legal action against the hospital where a string of negligent blunders resulted in the death of her newborn baby, **writes Chris Murphy.**

Marisa Sanders, 34, from Bromley, is suing the Princess Royal University Hospital in Farnborough Common, Orpington, after she was left in a triage room for more than three hours despite obvious signs she was in labour.

She was refused pain relief by a midwife and claims she was barely monitored.

The shocking state of affairs resulted in the death of tiny Thomas Arben Deliu, who was born without a heartbeat at about midnight on August 17, 2007.

Now Ms Sanders is taking legal action against South London NHS Trust – which has already admitted liability – so other families do not have to suffer in the future.

She said: "The overwhelming feeling of loss and grief at losing Thomas is indescribable.

"Being left isolated from medical staff and ignored during labour is something that should never happen to a woman when she is at her most vulnerable.

"I remain determined to make sure that this never happens to anyone else and that justice is done for my little boy."

Errors

Ms Sanders said there was a catalogue of errors made by staff, who she says failed to spot she was even in labour.

She was already booked in for a caesarean on August 20 due to a complication from a previous pregnancy, but her waters had broken on arrival and there were other distinct signs she was going into labour.

Despite this, Marisa was dumped in a triage room for more than three hours.

There was barely any monitoring and she was refused pain relief by a midwife.

Ms Sanders said when it became apparent the baby was in distress, staff were still slow to respond.

Thomas was born without a heartbeat that night. He was not breathing and despite receiving treatment his injuries were too severe and he died two days later.

Irwin Mitchell Solicitors has taken up Ms Sanders' legal fight against the trust.

Medical law and patients' rights specialist Auriana Griffiths said: "Ms Sanders and her family have been devastated by the loss of Thomas.

"To lose a child under any circumstances is unimaginable but to know that Thomas' death should have been prevented had staff at the Princess Royal University Hospital carried out basic checks and followed basic protocol is unforgivable.

"The South London Healthcare NHS Trust has admitted liability and accepts that Thomas' death was caused by the negligence of its staff. Court proceedings have been commenced against the trust and it is hoped the matter will be concluded swiftly."

A spokesman for the trust said: "The new trust, which now manages the former Bromley Hospital, would like to sincerely apologise again to the family.

"There was a full investigation at the time, which clearly pointed to negligence on the part of the original trust.

"Additional training was provided to staff involved in Mrs Sanders' case and the principal midwife concerned with her care was subject to a full professional review with the local supervisory authorities."

Ban for cigarette driver who caused crash

A MOTORIST who dropped his cigarette and swerved into oncoming traffic has been given community service after the collision killed a mother-of-three.

Daniel Wellard, of Augustine Road, Sheerness, was travelling to work on the A26 in Watlington on October 22 last year

when he lost concentration and smashed head-on into the car of 48-year-old Deborah Lawson from Gravesend.

Wellard was found guilty of causing death by careless driving. He received a one-year driving ban and 100 hours of community service at Maidstone Magistrates on Friday, August 13.

Kids travel advice

KENT County Council has launched its Back to School Travel Advice Shop for parents.

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Boyfriend jailed for knife attack

A THUG has been jailed for eight years after slashing his then-girlfriend across the face with a knife.

Andrew Barfoot attacked his terrified 17-year-old victim near his home in Maida Road, Chatham, at 3.30am on Friday, January 29.

Following an argument, the 24-year-old held the young woman against a car, took out a knife and cut her across the face.

Barfoot pleaded guilty to wounding with intent and possession of an offensive weapon, and was jailed at Maidstone Crown Court on Thursday, August 12.

Shopping centre sales still rising

BLUEWATER has reported its sixth consecutive month of sales growth following a 4.2 per cent increase versus the same time last year.

The out-of-town shopping giant puts the good business down to high profile launches in the personal electricals sector, in addition to the good weather that has boosted sales in fashion, barbecues and garden furniture.

General manager Andrew Parkinson said: "To commit time and money to a day out means having an experience that is memorable and enjoyable, which is where Bluewater excels."

Churchill's home to host anniversary event on the ground

Air battle brought to life

THE former home of Sir Winston Churchill will provide the backdrop to a concert to mark the Battle of Britain's 70th anniversary, *writes Jenna Pudelek.*

A Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast, original video footage and impressive special effects will take place to music by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force and the Medway Band at the event at Chartwell, near Westerham, on Saturday, September 4.

Colin Hitchins, managing director of Biggin Hill-based organisers Synergy Events UK, said: "This concert will provide a unique opportunity for those attending to enjoy the spirit of the era while honouring those who fought in the Battle of Britain at one of the most iconic of venues."

"This event will commemorate the Battle of Britain in an entertaining and unique way. Members of the Churchill family and Dame Vera Lynn have also been invited."

Special effects will be provided by Charlie Adcock, who brought wartime history to life in the recent Channel 4 show *Blitz Street*.

The organisers said he will use his experience to recreate the sights and sounds of the



GLORIOUS: Chartwell, above left, was cherished by the wartime leader, above right

Battle of Britain, with effects set to take the audience back to the darkest days of 1940.

He will be recreating life in the Kent countryside under repeated attacks from the Luftwaffe for the first time.

"This is an exceptional opportunity. Recreating the feel of the Blitz as part of the live performance is going to be a tough job," Mr Adcock said. "Blitz Street was a very enjoyable project but nothing beats performing live. We've already started working on some new special effects for the concert and the public are in for a treat."

An RAF navigator who plotted safe routes for Churchill and King George VI as they flew to official duties during the war will be at the concert to sign copies of his recently published autobiography.

Air Commodore John Mitchell was mobilised at the outbreak of the war in 1939 as an RAF volunteer reserve officer and just missed out on joining a battle squadron in France, which would have given him slim chance of survival.

He was instead posted to 58 Squadron, flying Whitleys, and survived a tour of operations in 1940-41 which included his plane ditching into the North Sea.

For this tour he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and sent to the US, where he helped develop the first navigation training simulators with the Link Trainer factory. His work on this saw him awarded the US Legion of Merit, signed by US President Harry Truman.

After returning to the UK in 1942, he was personally selected to join the crew of Churchill's private aircraft, one of the early prototype Avro Yorks, called Ascalon.

For two years he navigated Churchill to conferences around the world. He also flew General Lyon, the military codename for George VI, on several occasions, for which he received a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order medal from the sovereign.

His life story, entitled *Churchill's Navigator*, was written by Sean Feast, who will also be at the concert from 3pm.

The grounds at Chartwell are open to ticket-holders in the afternoon and audience members have been invited to bring picnics.

A limited number of tickets are on sale at www.synergieventsuk.com.

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Flypast celebrating Britain's finest hour

A COLLECTION of historic fighter planes was due to fly over air stations in Kent which played a key part in the Battle of Britain.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight was scheduled to make an aerial tour of the coun-

ty on Friday and land at Biggin Hill Airport, near Westerham.

The two Spitfire and two Hurricane fighters were due to fly over Second World War airfields at North Weald, West Malling, Detling, Rochester, Manston, Hawkinge, Gravesend, and also Redhill, Kenley and Croydon in Surrey.

The flypast was being held to mark the 70th anniversary of Prime Minister Winston Churchill making his famed speech in which he praised the bravery of The Few on August 20, 1940.

Of the heavily outnumbered RAF pilots who took on the German Luftwaffe in the skies about Kent, Churchill, who lived at Chartwell, near Westerham, said: "Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight includes a Spitfire Mk IIa, a Spitfire Mk Vb, a Hurricane Mk I and a Hurricane Mk IIC.

A spokesman for Biggin Hill Airport said: "RAF Biggin Hill was very much at the centre of this battle and it is fitting that the fighters are to land at the airport and show support for this significant anniversary."

The aerial battle is heralded as a turning point of the Second World War as, without aerial dominance, Hitler was prevented from mounting an invasion of Britain.

Churchill dubbed the battle, which raged over Kent from July 10 to October 31, 1940, Britain's "finest hour".

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Farage doesn't rule out UKIP leadership

By **MARIJKE COX**

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HE STEPPED down to fight for a seat in the House of Commons while retaining his position as MEP in Europe, flitting back and forth from Brussels to England.

But one plane crash and a parliamentary defeat later, Nigel Farage has admitted he is not ruling out the possibility of leading the UK Independence Party (UKIP) once more.

It follows the resignation of Lord Pearson of Rannoch, who quit the top spot this week after admitting he was "not much good at party politics".

Mr Farage, who grew up in Bromley and lives in Westerham, near Sevenoaks, said: "I'm sorry about his decision. Lord Pearson gave the party great credibility, the finances were in good shape and he was a great member of the House of Lords for 20 years.

"But if he was going to stand down, now was the right time. He came out honestly and said it wasn't right for him."

Mr Farage, one of the founding members of UKIP, told KOS Media he had not thought fully about standing for leadership, but he would not rule out the possibility.

"I honestly have no idea yet what I want to do," he said.



POTENTIAL LEADER: MEP Nigel Farage

"I have to make a decision as to how fit and strong I am after my accident and also the fact that I am a member of the European Parliament.

"It was damn hard being leader before while being an MEP. It's a tough job leading

any party, but being in Europe at the same time was difficult."

On May 6, the day of the General Election, Mr Farage was pulled semi-conscious from a plane wreckage after a light aircraft towing a UKIP banner crashed at an airfield near Brackley.

The 46-year-old, who was contesting Speaker John Bercow's seat in Buckingham, was taken to hospital with injuries which are still plaguing him today.

He said: "I need to decide whether I'm strong enough to stand for leadership and strong enough to do it - I'm still having problems with my back and have another operation due later this year.

"I'll make an announcement at the UKIP conference, which is in a couple of weeks."

Mr Farage, who was elected MEP for South East England in 1999, became leader of UKIP in 2006.

He stepped down in 2009 to concentrate on contesting the Buckingham seat, but remained a serving MEP.

"I don't miss being leader," he said. "There are two types of people in the world; the people that want to be and the people that are happy not being. I think I fall into the latter category."

He added: "I think for whoever becomes leader, the next big step for UKIP is the local elections.

"But whether I'm leader or not I'm going to work to get UKIP on Kent's political map."

Restaurant fined for bad hygiene

THE owners of an oriental restaurant and take-away have been fined more than £13,600 for breaking a string of hygiene regulations.

Environmental health inspectors found 15 areas at Kings Hill Palace in West Malling were dirty and greasy, with large build-ups of food debris, including the preparation area, walls and kitchen floor.

The owners, Toto Experience, were also found to be in breach of measures to protect food against contamination.

Steven Ly, company secretary and manager of the Chinese restaurant, pleaded guilty to four offences at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on Tuesday and was fined a total of £13,638.

Historic photo call

A COUNCIL website is appealing for historic photos and documents to help expand its virtual museum.

Discover Gravesham requires further information on four specific topics: cinemas and theatres, Milton Barracks, historic houses and estates, and street parties.

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River weed-out

THE Environment Agency has started its annual job of tackling weeds in watercourses across the River Medway.

The essential work in Maidstone, Tonbridge and Edenbridge will last until March next year, and will help to reduce flood risk and improve habitats for wildlife.

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Lifeboat station invites you to come along and celebrate a brave and impressive history

Saving lives at sea for 150 years

By **MARIJKE COX**

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GENERATIONS of brave volunteers who put their lives at risk for others are being recognised as part of the 150 year anniversary of Margate lifeboat station.

Crew and supporters are preparing to mark the milestone with a day of activities centred around the harbour next Sunday (August 29), commending the courage of those who manned the town's RNLI station throughout the years.

Entertainment will take place throughout the day, with a fly-past from the Red Arrows and an appearance from Kent Air Ambulance.

Margate's two lifeboats, together with a third from Ramsgate, will carry out a rescue display in the harbour, and organisers also hope to have a restored historic lifeboat on show either in the harbour or on the main sands beach.

Food and craft stalls will be available, and between 1pm and 9pm live music will be playing in the town's piazza area.

Later in the year a formal ceremony will take place when a 150th anniversary framed velum will be presented to the station.

Paul Hodson, lifeboat operations manager at Margate, said it was an important year for the station to commemorate the commitment and sacrifice of generations of volunteer lifeboat crews.

He also praised the supporters who helped



QUIVER No1: Stationed at Margate between 1883 and 1898

maintain the traditions of the lifeboat service.

"When we look at the pictures and artefacts chronicling our station history we all feel extremely proud and privileged to be involved in maintaining what is an important part of the community," he said.

"It is the special nature of the RNLI, with its unique voluntary ethos and relying totally on public donations that inspires our crews, fundraisers and supporters to serve the local as well as the wider seafaring community."

The station first opened in April 1860, ensuring sea rescue was available throughout the day and night.

It provided continuous service throughout the Second World War – one of the station's busiest periods in its history – mainly rescuing pilots of crashed aircraft. One such pilot was rescued and it was discovered he was a descendant of Sir William Hillary, founder of the lifeboat institution.

In May 1940, the lifeboat the Lord South-



ELIZA HARRIET: Stationed at Margate between 1898 and 1927.



LEONARD KENT: Stationed at Margate from 1992 to present day

borough took part in the evacuation of troops from the beaches of Dunkirk.

Other major rescues during the 150 years of service include an incident in 1999 following a collision between a cruise liner and container ship.

Margate lifeboat station currently has two lifeboats, the all-weather Leonard Kent and



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TIGGER THREE: Inshore lifeboat stationed at Margate from 2008 to present day

the inshore lifeboat, Tigger. There are 31 volunteer crew members, plus a full-time mechanic, who make up the operational team, with commercial fisherman Trevor Lamb as coxswain.

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£500K grant for treating arsonists

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A FORENSICS expert has been awarded half a million pounds to develop the world's first specialist treatment programme for arsonists.

Dr Theresa Gannon, a chartered forensic psychologist and senior lecturer in forensic psychology at the University of Kent, will examine the types of male arsonists and look at how to stop them re-offending.

The £563,311 grant, from the Economic and Social Research Council, will also allow her to fully examine the treatment needs for people who are addicted to setting fire to things and potentially putting the lives of others at risk.

Dr Gannon, who has a long-held academic interest in arson and fire-setting, said she was pleased to have been awarded the funding.

"It will enable me to develop and oversee the very first standardised treatment programme for fire-setters internationally," she said.

"Most importantly, this research will tell us whether or not new treatment is effective for meeting the



EXPERT: Dr Theresa Gannon

needs of arsonists and how we should deal with them in the future to stop them re-offending."

Every week in England and Wales, arson costs society an estimated £42 million, with 65 casualties.

Despite the shocking figures, professionals have little knowledge about arsonists, their key characteristics and the treatment they need.

Experts admit to being worried about this lack of information, as arsonists who show an interest in fire are likely to re-offend once

released into the community.

Dr Gannon's treatment programme will be designed to build upon previous similar initiatives and, brought together, the results are hoped to change the way academics and practitioners view, conceptualise and treat arsonists.

Professor Richard Crisp, head of the School of Psychology at the University of Kent, said the award of the grant had the potential to make a huge impact on both theory and practice relating to the treatment of fire-starters.

He added: "The size and scope of the project highlights the ambitious, cutting-edge and critically important work being carried out by Dr Gannon and the Forensic Group in the School of Psychology."

Dr Gannon is also one of the world's leading authorities in male and female sexual offending and she treats convicted sexual offenders and arsonists on a weekly basis.

She is the author of more than 70 book chapters and has edited books on these subjects.

The School of Psychology Forensic Psychology team, of which she is part, was recently awarded £324,000 by the Ministry of Justice for a study entitled Evaluating Offender Supervision Strategies.

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Camera vans aim to save bikers' lives

A SHOCKING rise in the number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured on Kent's roads has led to the introduction of dedicated speed camera vans, *writes Marijke Cox.*

According to the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership, about 500 bikers were badly hurt in the past three years, with 60 dying in crashes.

Although less than three per cent of British households own a motorbike, they account for 25 per cent of those killed or injured on the roads every year, with almost 200 in Kent between April 2009 and March 2010.

During the same period, 480 more suffered slight injuries.

To try to cut the high figures, new Commander vehicles are being used alongside existing mobile cameras to provide 360-degree vision around safety camera units.

The technology is designed to identify motorbike offenders by recording a number of images at different angles, including the registration number, which is currently only recorded by hand by camera operators.

Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership spokeswoman Katherine Barrett said the new system was to stop bikers speeding, not to try to catch them.

"It's all about keeping our roads safe. We don't measure success in terms of an increase in the number of people detected speeding. We don't want to catch bikers, we just want to slow them down."

The safety camera vans will be out in force



ALL SEEING: The dedicated speed camera vans should help slow down motorcyclists throughout the summer, targeting areas popular with bikers.

Chief Insp Andy Reeves, head of Kent Police's roads policing unit, said: "Most bike collisions happen in fine weather and on dry roads when people may ride too fast."

"The consequences of riding too fast can be devastating for the rider and their families."

He added: "Protective clothing that contains fluorescent and reflective material will help keep motorcyclists visible," he said.

"Jeans and a T-shirt might feel cool, but if you come off a bike even at the slowest speed, you could get third-degree burns or worse."

One of the main causes of bike crashes is other drivers failing to spot them, so as part of the campaign the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership is also urging motorists to be vigilant.

Bikers are 54 times more likely to be killed or injured in a road crash than a car driver and account for one in every four road deaths.

Finding beauty in the everyday

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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AN EXHIBITION of artwork from the likes of Banksy, Damien Hirst and Salvador Dali is to open in Canterbury next month.

'Everything in Between' will also feature a brand new body of work from Kent's renowned contemporary talent Oliver Winconek, who is organising the showcase at the Castle Arts Gallery to help celebrate its 10th anniversary.

The exhibition, which is open all next month, will include a mix of large-scale paintings on canvas and Perspex together with prints and limited editions.

It will open on Wednesday, September 1, with a private viewing attended by Mr Winconek, complete with live music.

Mr Winconek said: "I'm incredibly fortunate as an artist to be inspired by the ordinary, everyday themes and events that surround us. "I love taking a familiar scene and giving it a disquieting shift to add interest."

"People, their actions and how they interact with each other fascinate me. I'm a great believer in finding beauty within the things that we all take for granted."

Originally from Bedfordshire, Mr Winconek moved to Ashford about five years ago and regularly exhibits his work at Castle Arts.

A lot of the work he produces is created from stencils, hand-cut from original photographs. He then uses a combination of spray-paint and acrylic to bring the pieces to life.

Mr Winconek's work has attracted worldwide media coverage in magazines, as well as on television and radio programmes.



SPRAY IT AGAIN: Oliver Winconek (inset) is exhibiting works including, clockwise from left, *Faithful Companion*, *Battersea Power Station – Sunset* and *Fish Out of Water*

Paintings of his that will go on display at the exhibition include observational work like 'Battersea Power Station – Sunset' to more abstract pieces like 'Fish Out of Water'.

He added: "A typical painting can take

weeks of planning; from the initial concept to sourcing and photographing a model, choosing colours, creating and cutting stencils."

Gallery opening hours are 9.30am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.



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LETTERS

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Middle laners really to blame

Reading the article in KoS about the 120 people caught speeding in the last couple of months on Kent's motorways, I wonder if any of the 'middle lane owners club' members were ever prosecuted?

These arrogant, selfish drivers cause following traffic to bunch up (not good), causing unnecessary congestion and for those driving correctly, to have to cut right across the motorway just to overtake them.

I personally do not care what speed people drive at as long as they are driving safely for the prevailing conditions, but these selfish oafs should be the ones getting prosecuted.

After all, in the real world most people speed (which does not mean dangerous) most of the time.

Common sense tells us that if you have about 32 million registered vehicles with 99 per cent of drivers breaking various speed limits then the speed limits are set too low for people's expectations.

Terry Hudson, Herne Bay

Foxes victim of mindless men

How cruel can people be? Foxes are beautiful creatures and have given me years of pleasure, plus I've never once been attacked.

I used to feed a fox family every night and sit a few yards away watching with my cats. They respected our presence, but didn't stop coming, and when more cubs were born they also came.

In 2003, many people were trying to get rid of foxes by poisoning them, with many dead ones thrown over railway embankments.

One was found in my road in Broadstairs dying of a head injury.

I drove my car with the fox to Whitstable on a Sunday afternoon, only to be told it had been hit over the head with a hammer and the brain damage was so great that the poor animal was put to sleep.

What a shame we cannot do the same to these humans who think they own the world and that all creatures should be destroyed.

There is more cruelty and attacks done by youths with their status symbol dogs (cross bred pit-bulls/Staffs) than you will ever see from foxes.

They are a timid creature, playful and beautiful.

They are part of our English wildlife heritage and should not be destroyed, especially in the cruel way of many dogs ripping one fox to pieces.

This is barbaric. I cannot believe the mentality of some humans.

They stopped hanging people who have committed murder, but they insist on the brutality of a defenseless animal for their own pleasure.

C Russell, Ramsgate

Gang deserves short shrift

I was deeply disturbed and extremely upset after reading a recent Kent on Sunday article about

OPINION: SYSTEM GETS OVERHAUL

BRIAN LLOYD – senior planner for rural campaigners Protect Kent – explores what changes the coalition government has in store for council planning systems

BEFORE the general election the Conservatives published Open Source Planning, a Green Paper setting out its proposals to 'reboot' the planning system.

It is now clear from the coalition agreement that it is these proposals the new government will be taking forward.

Open Source Planning envisages a planning system that puts an end to top-down central planning diktats and targets for house building, and gives power to local communities to make their own decisions.

This notion of 'localism' in planning has been well received, but what does it actually mean? How local is local, and who will actually make the decisions?

The Government is not a supporter of regionalism and has already set about dismantling the regional level structures with gusto.

In July, Eric Pickles – the new Secretary of State in charge of planning – formally revoked regional strategies meaning the South East Plan is now defunct and no longer a consideration in making planning decisions.

In addition he has withdrawn funding for the regional partnership boards, meaning the South East England Partnership Board was wound up on July 31. He has also slashed the funding for the Regional Development Agencies by £270 million for 2010-11 prior to their ultimate demise in 2012.

The regional strategies were particularly disliked by the new Government because they set housing targets for the next 20 years from on high. However, in getting rid of the strategies in their entirety not only has the secretary of state removed the housing targets, but he has removed all the other strategic planning policies as well.

This means there is now a large void between local planning policies and broad brush national planning policy.

The Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) is another part of the planning system that both the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats made clear during the election campaign they would remove.

The IPC was set up by Labour to determine all applications for infrastructure provision of national importance. Ever since it was proposed there was criticism that such major decisions should not be made by unelected commissioners, and there was concern the views of local people would not be properly taken into account by such a remote body.

But now an infrastructure planning unit will be established in its place, with decisions made by the secretary of state. This is heralded as a major change, but in reality the consideration of applications will be made within the same as under the IPC regime, with nothing changed to address the issue of remoteness.

One particular issue that has caused much concern in recent years is so called 'garden grabbing' – the building of often high density development within larger gardens.

The cause of this has been blamed on the previous Government's policy to define garden land as 'brown-field' and that development should be at a minimum of 30 dwellings to the hectare.

In response, the new government made immediate changes by redefining garden land as greenfield and removing the minimum density target.

While we do not promote 'garden grabbing', it is CPRE's fear that low-density development in the urban areas will not help regeneration and will ultimately mean more countryside will be taken for development.

It is early days in the life of the coalition government, but it is already clear the planning system will see some very substantial changes.

It is true that under Labour the planning system had become much more centralised, regulated, bureaucratic and complicated. Changes to simplify the planning system and to enable greater community say must be seen as a good thing, but a note of caution must also be sounded.

On the whole the UK planning system, since its inception in 1947, has been very successful in making sure that development has taken place in the right place.

We have not seen the unregulated urban sprawl common in many other countries, and the planning system has served us well in protecting our natural and historic environment.



a bunch of so-called humans calling themselves the Urban Foxhunters.

This cowardly gang wore masks when chasing a poor, defenseless and drugged fox around a public park before beating it to death with a cricket bat.

This animal did no harm to anyone and, whatever you may hear, foxes will not harm or attack humans unless of course they or their young cubs are attacked themselves.

Then, of course, they will defend like any other animal would.

Leave our poor foxes alone and turn your anger towards the cowardly scum who violently ended this poor animal's life.

Bill Leman, Bexley

Surprised by sneaky service

Can I warn readers of yet another scam being operated by private parking contractors?

Some car parks, notably those in motorway service stations, have been equipped with number plate

recognition cameras, which photograph vehicles on their way into and out of the car park, noting the time of each shot.

If the vehicle stays more than a preset time, charges are imposed. If these are not paid, usually by mobile phone, details of the vehicle's keeper are obtained from the DVLA and a penalty charge bill dressed up to look like an official fine is sent to the keeper.

This practice itself is dubious because the car park operators have no legal authority to issue fines.

The basis of their claim seems to be that the driver has breached a contract which he/she has unwittingly entered into simply by driving onto the site.

This seems eminently challengeable in law, but in any case such a contract would only apply to the driver, not the keeper, to whom the contractors send the invoice.

However, the sting in the tale is that if the vehicle makes two visits to the site within a few days, either by accident or design, the photo recording the entry on the first visit is associated with the exit photo of the second visit, and a claim is made that the vehicle was

on the site for the whole of the intervening period.

This seems to me just a type of extortion and I am surprised that the DVLA is allowed, despite the constraints of the Data Protection Act, to sell personal information to private contractors in this way.

Perhaps your motoring correspondents could challenge both this behaviour and the DVLA's complicity in it.

Trevor Jefferies, Rochester

Move it remote control Chard

County councillor Nick Chard presumes too much.

He lives 50-odd miles from Folkestone and has probably never been in Downs Road.

He, like many others, just picks up the phone and takes whatever information they get for granted.

What right does he have to assume I would not be aware of the tree's condition?

You, Cllr Chard, like all other councillors and MPs, work for the people. Get off your comfortable

KOS media COMMENT

A ticket to ride, but at what final cost?

AFTER months of speculation over the dreaded hike in train fares it seems commuters' fears were warranted after all.

Although Southeastern bosses are yet to set their prices, given their flexibility to increase costs by as much as three per cent plus inflation the public would be silly not to expect the worst.

It would be a strange day if a company, given the right to charge above the odds, would decide to let the customer off the hook and keep prices low.

But what does need to be stopped is allowing them to raise fares by even more on busy routes, punishing those who happen to live in popular areas of the county.

Most people understand that somebody needs to pay for the running of the railway, be it taxpayer or passenger.

But there has to be a fair system that doesn't mean some passengers being hit with an extra £300-£400 a year, every year, as train companies and Government figure out how to fund the network, especially as the service is not improving.

An extra £300 may not seem much, but for those trekking to and from the City to try and earn a decent wage the difference is massive. With prices in Kent looking set to soar, people might think twice about venturing to London for work which in turn means Kent is missing out on the economic benefits of their City salaries.

Making the grade is just their first step

THOUSANDS of year eleven pupils will be waiting anxiously next week for their GCSE results.

After watching the successes of their A-level peers they too will be hoping to excel with many expected to continue on into higher education. Others will be venturing out into the workplace either as apprentices or part of the workforce.

So, whatever your plans for the future, good luck from everyone at KOS Media.

seat and find the truth. These trees were not diseased, nor were they a danger to the public.

You signed yourself 'cabinet member for highways', but forgot one word from your title – 'environment'. Start looking after it.

John O'Neil, Folkestone.

Countryside has housing benefit

I was interested in your recent article entitled 'Villagers' power to OK new homes building raises fears for future of our green fields'.

Social housing is needed badly in Britain.

There are currently 1.7 million families on council waiting lists and the countryside is short of houses for low-paid people like farm workers, shop workers and so on, so maybe this scheme should go ahead.

There could always be a limit on the size of a development of, say, 15 homes.

Marc Hurstfield, Northfleet



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BIRTHS

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Stephane and Emily are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Lois Stephanie Florence Coinon a sister for Anais and Charlotte. Lois was born at 2.18 pm on the Sixth August 2010 and weighed 11 lb 4oz.

COKER

Kylie Baker and Joe Coker of Ramsgate celebrating the birth of Mia Louise Coker on 11th August 2010.

DAVIS

Fin and Susan are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Reuben Anthony Robert Davis, on 23rd July 2010 weighing 8lb 2oz.

DUKE / NEAVES

James Duke and Tanya Neaves would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Maizie Ella, on Monday 2nd August 2010 at 7.15am, weighing 6lb 14oz.

HOLDEN

Anita and James Holden celebrate the birth of their son Johan on 12th August 2010.

KNIGHT / BRACHIO

Jayden Tyler born on 4th August 2010, weighing 6lbs

1oz. Son to Joanne Knight and Jordan Brachio in Maidstone.

RYAN / MILLEN

Sarah Ryan and Martin Millen celebrate the birth of their son Max Ryan Millen on 21st July 2010 weighing 5lbs 8oz.

RYAN / MILLEN

Sarah Ryan and Martin Millen celebrate the birth of their son Ashton George Millen on 21st July 2010 weighing 4lbs 14oz.

SPENCER-ROGERS

Lily-May Lena born on 11th August 2010 at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford, weighing 7lbs 3oz. Daughter to Daniel and Cherie Spencer-Rogers of St Marys Bay, sister to Oliver and Harvey.

THOMAS

Kayleigh and Mark are proud to announce the arrival of their first born child Jake Darran Thomas who was born on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 11.17 am weighing 8lb 4oz. First grandson to Barbara and Charlie Steer and Lorraine and Darran Fowdy

WHITE

Christopher and Donna White celebrate the birth of their daughter Jennifer Marie

White on the 13th August 2010 weighing 7lbs 9oz.

DEATHS

CARROLL

Doris passed away peacefully after a short illness on 15th August 2010. Sadly missed by her husband John, her daughter Gillian and granddaughters Tina and Kerry and great-grandchildren Keira, TJ and Alicia.

CRITTENDEN

Margaret Crittenden died peacefully on 12th August 2010. Dearly loved wife of Leslie, mother to Tracy and Sarah, and grandmother to Lee, Chelsea, Kirsty, and Jason. Loved by all.

FISCHER

Bärbel Fischer "Bab" 02-08-1944 - 14-08-2010. Who passed away peacefully. A much loved Mum, Nan, Great Nan, Sister, and Aunt. Will be sadly missed by all. Funeral 27th August 2010 12:40 Margate Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Viking Day Unit.

FURMINGER

Oliver Mary Furminger, lately of Rough Common Canterbury, sadly passed away after a period of illness on 11th August 2010. Beloved

widow of Frank, much missed by John, Ann, Amy and Sally. Enquiries to Lyons of Canterbury and any donations to Age Concern.

GAFFNEY

Elsie Elizabeth Gaffney (nee Hart) of Whitstable, formerly of Peckham, London passed away peacefully on 11th August 2010 aged 85 years. A much loved mum and grandmother who will be deeply missed. Please contact Kemps Funeral Directors Harbour Street Whitstable regarding the funeral arrangements.

IRELAND

Vi Ireland widow of Wally died peacefully on 9th August 2010. Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Wilmington at 2pm on Friday 27th August. Enquiries to Levertons Dartford 01322 225216.

LOCK

Mabel Lock, loving wife of the late Ron Lock passed away peacefully at Darent Valley Hospital on 11th August 2010. The funeral will be held on Monday 23rd August at Midway Crematorium at 12 noon. Loving mum to Carole and son in law Paul, grandmother to James and Caroline and loving sister to Joyce.

O'CONNELL

Roy O'Connell 1959-2010 Beloved son to Vince and Joan, partner to Debbie, father to Callum, Lee, Victoria, Kelly and Alice, and also to Debbie's children Jason, Amy and Aaron. Beloved brother to Colin and Sally and Granddad to Caitlin and Charlotte. Gods gained a new artist, you will be missed forever. Goodnight and God Bless.

PERKINS

Dr. David Richard John Perkins M.I.F.A. passed away peacefully on Tuesday 10th August 2010 aged 72 years. Dave to all who knew him, he will be fondly remembered for his extraordinary ability to paint a picture of Thanets history for any audience, large, small, young or old. Founding Director of Thanet Archaeological Trust, brother of George and friend to all who met him, he will be greatly missed.

WARD

Francis died peacefully at home on August 12th 2010. Funeral Service at St Thomas More West Malling, 11.30am on the 24th August. Burial at St James the Great, East Malling at 12.30am. Much beloved husband, who will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace.

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Let's gallop ahead

Reference Mr Morrison and his proposed white horse (Invicta) sculpture – more power to his elbow-propelled chisel and mallet, or rather hacksaw and hammer.

However, the project should be 100 yards and not feet tall.

It could become a major tourist attraction. Internal stairways/lifts could lead up to viewing areas and perhaps a tea room-cum-gift shop. The views would be spectacular.

If he were to approach his namesake (Morrison's superstores) they could have a mini-market at the base in return for part sponsorship of the project – food for thought.

The structure wouldn't need a lightning conductor, saving a few bob.

Metal thieves would also be deterred as they would be very conspicuous driving up the M20 with Invicta perched on the back of their pick-up truck searching for the nearest scrap yard.

Mr AE Thomas, Folkestone.

Get back to reality

No excuse for animal cruelty? Well that's an excuse we have all heard before, isn't it Mr Wilkins-Oppler?

Again this ignores facts and reality, and the excuses flow out of concept. Had he understood the words by reading properly just maybe he'd have used common sense when replying.

Facts show that many animal attacks are never reported, just as many rapes go un-challenged today. But yes you are right – hunting is natural, just as it is one of man's primary senses.

Yes there is considerable cruelty even in the UK, yet we are releasing boars and even wolves back into nature – a great step forward or misguided apprehension?

Only time will tell.

Derek Packham, Deal.

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HONOUR: Denika Walsh is congratulated after being named apprentice of the year

Trainee Denika gets top award

A TRAINEE technician working at Dungeness power station has been named academic apprentice of the year at a prestigious training school.

Denika Walsh, from Ashford, is completing her first year of a four-year apprenticeship to qualify as an electrical maintenance technician at EDF Energy's power station.

Two years of the course is also spent at HMS Sultan where apprentices live on a Navy base to train to become technicians, chemists and engineers at nuclear power stations.

The 20-year-old said: "I was surprised to receive the award for academic apprentice of the year. It wasn't something I was expecting, but I'm really pleased as it makes my efforts all worthwhile."

Graham Finn, station director at Dungeness B, said he was delighted she had been recognised as a leader in her field at such an early stage in her career.

He added: "EDF Energy is committed to offering an excellent training and development plan for our new recruits."

Programme offers early years graduate training

New two-year course aims to create top leaders

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A NEW course aimed at creating a generation of outstanding leaders for the early years sector has been launched at Canterbury Christ Church University.

High-calibre graduates are being invited to apply for the New Leaders in Early Years programme which was started by the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC).

The two-year course offers intensive mentoring and tutoring to train graduates to become top in their field, where they will offer support to frontline practitioners working with young children.

They will also work to raise the profile of the early years sector.

Dr John Moss, dean of education at Canterbury Christ Church University, which

already delivers the Early Years Professional Status (EYPS) course, said the new programme has been designed to attract able and talented graduates to work in the sector.

"It is increasingly recognised that what happens in children's early years has a profound influence on their later development," he said.

"The university's successful Department of Childhood Studies is pleased to be leading an initiative which we expect to complement and enhance the current children's workforce and its practices."

Thirty graduates will be taken on, with a further 30 being recruited in autumn 2011.

Students will get early years placements during their first year and will be in a working role for the second year, while completing their masters and other aspects of the programme.

Children's minister Sarah Teather said: "New Leaders in Early Years is a fantastic new programme designed to encourage the very best graduates to sign up to be leaders in the early years sector."

"They will help to raise the profile and status

of those working with young children, which is crucial to giving every child the opportunity and confidence to grow and achieve in life."

An evaluation of the programme will be carried out by the CWDC.

Thom Crabbe, national manager for early years at CWDC, said: "Early Years Professional Status is demonstrating the contribution that graduate-level professional training has in improving the quality of early years provision."

"New Leaders in Early Years builds on that success and offers a funded two-year programme to achieve EYPS and a masters degree."

"Participants will also work in the sector introducing them to a demanding, challenging and highly rewarding career."

"High-quality early years provision requires talented, committed practitioners at all levels working with our youngest children."

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MORE than 100 primary school children have been making music as part of a new initiative aimed at getting youngsters to play instruments.

Medway Council's extended services team and Medway Schools Music Association (MSMA) organised workshops for pupils from seven schools in Strood.

The classes were held at Hilltop Primary School – one of three new Medway music centres set up to encourage children to learn

musical instruments.

The centres and workshops are just two of a range of projects, including the Music Wider Opportunities Scheme, which provides free instrumental tuition in more than 95 per cent of primary schools.

Some 3,500 children have taken part in the scheme this year, as well as a further 2,000 who are in their second year of music tuition.

MSMA director and music adviser, Derek Bleas, said he was delighted with the impact

of the wider opportunities scheme.

"We're now seeing young Medway musicians having opportunities to play together in mixed ensembles for the first time in years," he said.

Cllr Les Wicks, Medway Council's cabinet member for children's services, added: "I'm pleased that so many of our children are learning to play musical instruments."

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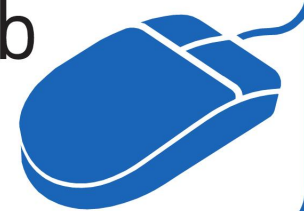
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We are looking to recruit a self starter who is highly motivated and is able to give clear focus to our youth work, working as a member of our dedicated Student Support Team at the College's new state of the art campus in Medway. You will be responsible for developing our youth work and for engaging our ever increasing number of 16-19 year olds in Citizenship, volunteering, sport and other activities to supplement their learning and development as well as forging partnerships with local organisations to take forward joint projects. This is an exciting role where you will be able to demonstrate that you are a good communicator and organiser and want to make a real difference to many young people's lives.

For further details or an informal discussion please call Karen Baker on 01634 383647.

**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2010
INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD MID SEPTEMBER**

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The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Accountancy

ASSISTANT BOOK-KEEPER

Canterbury
Salary TBA
Burgess Hodgson is a leading firm of Chartered Accountants and business advisors in the South East. The practice has developed a strong reputation for training and developing individuals across a range of disciplines. ASSISTANT BOOK-KEEPER We are looking for an assistant book-keeper based in our Canterbury head office. Applicants should have a minimum of AAT Intermediate level and experience of working with Sage 50 accounts software. Please apply in writing with CV to: Barry Ryan, Burgess Hodgson, Camburgh House, 27 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DN
To apply/more information: Burgess Hodgson Chartered Accountants
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

TRAINEE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Canterbury
Salary TBA
Burgess Hodgson is a leading firm of Chartered Accountants and business advisors in the South East. The practice has developed a strong reputation for training and developing individuals across a range of disciplines. TRAINEE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS We are now recruiting for a number of trainee Chartered Accountants. Minimum requirements are a good degree, preferably in mathematics-based or business-related subjects, and/or three A Levels (grades A-B). This is an excellent opportunity to develop your skills in challenging, rewarding, and often inspiring environment. Please apply in writing with CV to: Barry Ryan, Burgess Hodgson, Camburgh House, 27 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DN.
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Administration, Secretarial, PA

Administrator and PA to Doctor

Canterbury
Salary TBC
Full-time/Part-time/Jobshare
Are you looking for a change in direction or looking to take a new route with your skills? An opportunity has arisen within a rapidly expanding, exceptional health centre. The position is extremely sought after and is available immediately. Administrator and PA to Doctor of a rapidly expanding health care practice. We require minimum qualifications of 5 GCSE's Grade C and above (must include English and Mathematics) Basic computer skills are preferable. Proficient user of Sage 50 and Microsoft Office, particularly Word, Excel and Publisher. Hard working and motivated. Enthusiastic and committed. Organised and efficient. Work well solo. Works well within a team. Thrives on self-improvement and success.
To apply/more information: Wellness Practice
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: ISC1

Receptionist / Customer Service

Canterbury
Salary negotiable
FULL-TIME OR JOBSHARE/PART-TIME Can you provide excellent service "Walt Disney style"? Are

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To apply/more information: Wellness Practice
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: cust 001

Early Intervention in Psychosis Team Employment Advisor

Kent
Salary £22,367-£23,921
mcch is a charitable organisation committed to designing and delivering services based on the unique qualities of each individual, to people with learning disabilities, autism or mental health needs. Early Intervention in Psychosis Team Employment Advisor Ref: 738/E22,367-£23,921 There are exciting opportunities to be a part of the mcch team providing employment and vocational services to individuals to achieve their employment and vocational aspirations by providing information, advice and guidance and support to access and retain paid employment. All successful applicants will be able to demonstrate a commitment to supporting individuals in their employment pathway. Working directly with the EIP teams in partnership with other statutory and VC organisations to develop early intervention supported employment and vocational initiatives for individuals with mental health issues accessing services. To support individuals in order to facilitate the recovery process through paid employment, work-related, education and training opportunities. For an application form and job description email jobs@mcch.co.uk or apply on lineat www.mcch.co.uk alternatively call 0845 600 1552. Please quote ref. We also have large type/Braille versions available on request. All appointments are subject to a Criminal Records Disclosure.
To apply/more information: MCCH
j.pearce@mcch.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 738/E

Office Junior

Ramsgate
Salary: Negotiable
Office Junior Required Duties to include general office work. IT skills are essential. Would suit someone who is enthusiastic, friendly and confident, with a willingness to work hard. Must be reliable and punctual. Further training will be given to the right candidate. Please apply in writing to Mr Ron Twyman, Piper Double Glazing Limited, 140 Newton Road, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 6PP or e-mail ron@piperwindows.co.uk
To apply/more information: Piper Windows
piper@piperwindows.co.uk
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Sales Co-Ordinator

Wrotham Area
Salary £17,500 + excellent benefits
Our client is looking for someone with natural leadership skills and a background of experience as a sales co-ordinator within a pressurised

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To apply/more information: Interpersonnel
jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 1692

Catering, Hospitality

Sales People

Sevenoaks
Salary Salary Negotiable
Black Tie Foods Ltd Sales People required. No experience necessary. Full training and vehicle provided. Call 01732 760484
To apply/more information: Black Tie Foods Ltd
blacktie@btconnect.com
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Catering Assistant

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Salary Salary Negotiable
The Fifth Trust Catering assistant We are looking for an Individual who has a proven catering experience to work in our Teashop situated in the Elham Valley. We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to work at the weekends, Saturday & Sunday to organise and supervise functions/lunches over the weekend period & to provide guidance and support to the Teashop assistants. For both Jobs please send your CV and a covering letter to: The Fifth Trust C/O Mrs Nikki Marley Elham Valley Vineyard Elham Valley Road Barham Canterbury, Kent. CT4 6LN.
To apply/more information: Family Investment Homes Ltd
applications@kosmedia.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Bar Waiting staff

Sittingbourne
Salary Negotiable
Part time bar waiting staff required for village pub near Sittingbourne. Own transport, 18 + Varied shifts Please phone 01795 842546
To apply/more information: Harrow (The)
lindapriest1611@btconnect.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Butcher

Dartford
Salary TBA
Richardson & Sons require a Butcher High class trade. General duties. Experience required. Please call 01322 223111.
To apply/more information: Richardson & Sons
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
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Chef de Partie or Sous Chef

Canterbury
Salary Negotiable
Chef de Partie or Sous Chef required for busy country pub restaurant with high standards

Would suit someone looking to advance their career. Good conditions, holiday pay. Right applicant must have necessary qualifications. Phone Mark on 01227 860338
To apply/more information: Prince of Wales
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Child Care

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Kent
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ALL NURSERY NURSES URGENTLY NEEDED

Maidstone
Salary £7 per hour
We are currently looking to employ Nursery Nurses/Assistants! Day-to-Day supply work in and around the Maidstone area. Term time and throughout the holidays! MUST HAVE either 2 years experience

in a nursery setting or NVQ Level 2 or equivalent. Very good rates of pay!!! + NEW Loyalty Scheme! NOTE: This is NOT an advert for a permanent post
To apply/more information: Education Sense
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Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

EXHIBITION LABOURER/DRIVER

Gravesend
Salary TBA
Exhibition Stand Design, Manufacture, & Management based in Gravesend require EXHIBITION LABOURER/DRIVER (HGV Class 2 and forklift licences essential) Telephone (01474) 536360 for application form or e-mail CV to: mail@esm-uk.com
To apply/more information: Exhibitions Stands
Manufacturers Ltd
mail@esm-uk.com
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Carpenters

Canterbury
Salary TBA
Carpenters required for Canterbury & North Kent area Immediate start, long term work & excellent rates for CSCS holders only. Tel Ben Cook 07736 613549.
To apply/more information: M & S Contractors E A Ltd
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Customer Service, Call Centre

Sales Office Manager

Kent
Salary c£30,000+ benefits
A long established building products manufacturer who have enjoyed expansion and development are looking for a new Sales Office Manager to lead and motivate the internal sales function, taking them from an order team to a sales team. With at least a year's experience in a similar role you will be responsible for developing and managing training programmes to best practice managing transport costs and contributing to IT research and development projects. Excellent communication skills and an understanding of business finance and problem solving competencies are all essential elements of this fast paced role. West Kent based.
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Quoting Job Ref: 1691

Flexible Working

Kent
Salary TBA
Flexible Working Opportunity Would you like to join a dynamic team selling leading edge business software to the hair and beauty salon market and create your own working environment with excellent earning potential? Basic PC and great communication skills are essential. If interested email:

nigel.gethins@syntos.co.uk or call 07831 683647 with contact details
Why not check out our website at www.syntos.co.uk
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Commission only Sales People

Ashford
Salary Commission Only
Are you confident competitive determined hard working. Do you enjoy a challenge and have a can do attitude? Would you like to train for a Media Sales career? Then we may have the answer for you! You will start on a commission only basis where you will be well rewarded for your achievements, and supported by ongoing training and coaching. Successful candidates will be offered a permanent media sales position. If you would like to train as a Media Sales Executive, please send your CV to christine.davidson@kosmedia.co.uk with a note stating why you are right for this position.
To apply/more information: KOS Media
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Field Sales

Maidstone
Salary Negotiable
We are looking for an exceptional sales person for a field sales position covering the Maidstone area. Only hard working, tenacious and motivated professionals need apply. Ideally from a sales background you will understand the importance of balancing good customer service with achieving targets. Media experience is not essential as training will be given. KOS Media is one of the fastest growing multi media companies serving the Kent county. We publish 14 weekly newspapers including the flagship Kent on Sunday together with seasonal /annual magazines and 20 online news sites. We offer a good basic salary, performance and target related bonus and 5 weeks holiday. So if you think you have what it takes to join our sales teams send your CV to ynez.coton@kosmedia.co.uk quoting fieldsales or telesales position
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Quoting Job Ref: kos

Domestic

Venue Maintenance Team Leader

Dartford
Salary TBA
Venue Maintenance Team Leader, Brands Hatch First class presentation of our venue is very important to us. The role

requires a well organised individual capable coordinating a wide variety of tasks including the preparation of the race circuit to the stipulated standards, grounds and buildings maintenance across the site and circuit improvement, repair and construction projects. Leading and working with a team of around 10 people you will need to be an excellent people-manager, communicator and motivator. Experience in the civil engineering or construction industry would be useful and familiarity with CDM and Health & Safety regulations is essential. Applicants should have a good knowledge of plant and machinery, be accustomed to outdoor work and some experience in agricultural or horticultural areas would be advantageous. Critical qualities are strong organisational skills, the ability to cope under pressure and meet tight deadlines. A winning mentality and meticulous attention to detail are essential and as part of the events industry, being prepared to work at weekends and on bank holidays during the season is a must. Applicants should apply in writing, including a CV and salary expectations, to:

Katie Dickens, Human Resources, MotorSport Vision Limited, Brands Hatch Circuit, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8NG, or E-mail: katie.dickens@motorsportvision.co.uk
To apply/more information: MotorSport Vision Ltd
joanne.brown@motorsportvision.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Domestic Trades

Direct Sales Consultant

Chatham
Salary TBA
Direct Sales Consultant confirmed leads provided. Must have own car. Top rates paid. Experience not necessary as full training is provided. Phone Rachel on 01634 813940.
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pccmideleton@hotmail.co.uk
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Education, Teacher, School

Additional Learning Support Tutor/ Assessor

Medway
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Additional Learning Support Tutor/Assessor Ref: P0378Salary: £24,792 - £28,311 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience) Hourly paid roles also available
Maidstone/MedwayWe are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to assist with learning support for students with additional learning support needs. The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate experience in and knowledge of

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job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
Quoting Job Ref: P0378
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
Quoting Job Ref: P0499

Hourly Paid Facilitators

Medway
Salary Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26
Hourly Paid Facilitators Ref: SE560 Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26 (dependent on qualifications and experience) MedwayWe are looking to recruit sessional facilitators to join our successful CAST Team, working with students who have learning difficulties/disabilities. The ideal candidates will have experience of working with young people and are able to offer hours to suit the College timetables. MidKent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbl.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer

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Quoting Job Ref: PR11

CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST

Chatham
Salary Sessional Daily Rate £150 min per day/Term Time Only
LOCATION: Onside, Silverbank Park, Silverbank, Churchill Avenue, Chatham JOB ROLE: Onside provides counselling and psychotherapy to children and young people who attend primary and secondary schools in the Medway area, and who experience emotional, social and behavioural difficulties that is affecting their education. Our therapists also work with the child or young person's parent(s) MAIN PURPOSE: The primary focus of the post is to provide assessments and creative arts therapy to young people experiencing emotional distress within an educational setting with the focus of supporting young people to achieve in education. The post holder will work closely with the Silverbank Park Pupil Referral Unit and other schools within the Medway Local Authority area. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: 1. To provide & individual; creative arts therapy; delivering the intervention to a minimum of 4 & individual; clients per day (excluding initial assessments). 2. To provide & group; creative arts therapy (for clients who have been identified for such intervention during their individual therapy); delivering the intervention to a minimum of 1 group per day. 3. To undertake initial assessments with young people to assess their suitability for therapeutic work. 4. To signpost those young people with additional or specialist needs to other appropriate services. 5. Keep accurate case records of assessment, appointments and therapeutic work. 6. Maintain systems to monitor and evaluate the service delivery of Onside. 7. Compile monitoring data of issues presented. 8. Attend regular internal line management, supervision and team meetings. 9. To work in accordance to the code of ethics and standards of their professional organisation (e.g. BACP, UKCP, UKPT, BAAT, as relevant). 10. Develop links with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies providing services for young people to enable an effective exchange of referrals. 11. Offer support and advice to teachers and teaching staff, and professionals working with young people relating to issues of mental health problems. 12. To ensure that equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice are adhered to at all times. 13. To keep up to date with research/developments within the child and adolescent field and to ensure that this informs all work undertaken. 14. To undertake any other tasks, not listed above, but deemed necessary in the interest of Onside Manager, PERSON SPECIFICATION Experience: 1. A

minimum of 3 years experience of supervised individual creative arts therapy work, including at least one year working with children and young people in various settings 1.1 Experience of dealing with complex confidentiality and risk assessment issues 1.2 Experience of carrying out therapeutic assessments Skills & Abilities: 2. Ability to relate well to a range of young people 2.1 Ability to use different therapeutic approaches, including short term models, e.g. CBT, SFBT 2.2 Ability to relate well and build effective referral links with a range of professionals from other agencies. 2.3 A strong commitment to anti-discriminatory practice and the ability to implement the Service's equal opportunities policy. 2.4 Ability to work on own initiative: plan and prioritise a complex and demanding workload. 2.5 A good standard of written English and the ability to write clear records and reports. 2.6 Computer literate and competent in word processing. 2.7 Ability to demonstrate commitment to continuing Professional Development. 2.8 To work well within a therapeutic team and to be able to consult readily within and outside Onside. Education & Training 3. Recognised Diploma in psychotherapy/counselling, or equivalent qualification. 3.1 Accredited with a relevant professional organisation (e.g. BACP, UKCP, BAAT) Knowledge 4. Knowledge of child protection issues and working within a multi-agency context 4.1 Knowledge of the development processes involved in children & young people and the factors which affect emotional well-being and social development. General 5. A commitment to the Aims and Purposes of Onside 5.1 Have an appropriate level of sickness absence
To apply/more information: Education Sense
office@education-sense.com
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ALL SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHERS

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Do you have experience or are you looking to start a career in Special Needs? Do you feel you have the right attitude to make a difference? Are you currently working in supply? Are you looking to cut down your hours or just wanting more flexibility? Do you want a new challenge with great rates of pay? Is your agency not keeping you as busy as you would like? ...If so you have just found the answer. Education Sense has experience in searching for jobs throughout the whole of Kent and would love to hear from you. All applicants MUST have the relevant teaching qualification Great rates of pay plus NEW Loyalty Scheme! Visit our new website at www.education-sense.com or forward your CV to ktturner@education-sense.com
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Full Time Double Glazed Installer/Engineer

Faversham
Salary To be advised
FULL TIME DOUBLE GLAZED INSTALLER/ENGINEER WANTED You must have minimum of 3 years experience of fitting UPVC/timber/aluminium windows, doors and conservatories; also be hands on in repairs and maintenance of locks, hinges etc. You must also be able to work on your own, using your own initiative and hold a full current Driving Licence.

Please apply in writing with a current CV to:
SouthEast WindowCare
Unit 1 John Hall Close
Oare Road Faversham Kent ME13 7TY

To apply/more information: Southeast Care Ltd
southeastcare@btconnect.com
Quoting Job Ref:

Tyre Fitter

Longfield
Salary Dependant on Experience
Falkham Tyres, a long established garage, requires tyre fitter with recent experience. Position involves advising customer, quoting prices as well as fitting. Clean licence preferred. Tracking essential. Terms and pay very good for 5 day week, based on experience you can offer. Phone 01474 702209
To apply/more information: Falkham Tyres
fkennedy@talktalk.net
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Health & Beauty

Community Leaders

Faversham
Salary Sal
Community Leaders Wanted Make Money Helping Your Community! Arriba! Wellness Clubs are looking for serious people from all backgrounds with an interest in health & wellness. Creating extra income through helping their local community Only 5 Serious People Needed Call Sara 01795 532201 Apply online www.arriba-classleaders.co.uk
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Health & Safety, Security, Defence

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Chatham
Salary Sessional Daily Rate £150 min per day/Term Time Only
LOCATION: Onside, Silverbank Park, Silverbank, Churchill Avenue, Chatham JOB ROLE: Onside provides counselling and psychotherapy to children and young people who attend primary and secondary schools in the Medway area, and who experience emotional, social and behavioural difficulties that is affecting their education. Our therapists also work with the child or young person's parent(s) MAIN PURPOSE: The primary focus of the post is to provide assessments and creative arts therapy to young people experiencing emotional distress within an educational setting with the focus of supporting young people to achieve in education. The post holder will work closely with the Silverbank Park Pupil Referral Unit and other schools within the Medway Local Authority area. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: 1. To provide & individual; creative arts therapy; delivering the intervention to a minimum of 4 & individual; clients per day (excluding initial assessments). 2. To provide & group; creative arts therapy (for clients who have been identified for such intervention during their individual therapy); delivering the intervention to a minimum of 1 group per day. 3. To undertake initial assessments with young people to assess their suitability for therapeutic work. 4. To signpost those young

people with additional or specialist needs to other appropriate services. 5. Keep accurate case records of assessment, appointments and therapeutic work. 6. Maintain systems to monitor and evaluate the service delivery of Onside. 7. Compile monitoring data of issues presented. 8. Attend regular internal line management, supervision and team meetings. 9. To work in accordance to the code of ethics and standards of their professional organisation (e.g. BACP, UKCP, UKPT, BAAT, as relevant). 10. Develop links with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies providing services for young people to enable an effective exchange of referrals. 11. Offer support and advice to teachers and teaching staff, and professionals working with young people relating to issues of mental health problems. 12. To ensure that equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice are adhered to at all times. 13. To keep up to date with research/developments within the child and adolescent field and to ensure that this informs all work undertaken. 14. To undertake any other tasks, not listed above, but deemed necessary in the interest of Onside, as required by the Onside Manager. PERSON SPECIFICATION Experience: 1. A minimum of 3 years experience of supervised individual creative arts therapy work, including at least one year working with children and young people in various settings 1.1 Experience of dealing with complex confidentiality and risk assessment issues 1.2 Experience of carrying out therapeutic assessments Skills & Abilities: 2. Ability to relate well to a range of young people 2.1 Ability to use different therapeutic approaches, including short term models, e.g. CBT, SFBT 2.2 Ability to relate well and build effective referral links with a range of professionals from other agencies. 2.3 A strong commitment to anti-discriminatory practice and the ability to implement the Service's equal opportunities policy. 2.4 Ability to work on own initiative: plan and prioritise a complex and demanding workload. 2.5 A good standard of written English and the ability to write clear records and reports. 2.6 Computer literate and competent in word processing. 2.7 Ability to demonstrate commitment to continuing Professional Development. 2.8 To work well within a therapeutic team and to be able to consult readily within and outside Onside. Education & Training 3. Recognised Diploma in psychotherapy/counselling, or equivalent qualification. 3.1 Accredited with a relevant professional organisation (e.g. BACP, UKCP, BAAT) Knowledge 4. Knowledge of child protection issues and working within a multi-agency context 4.1 Knowledge of the development processes involved in children & young people and the factors which affect emotional well-being and social development. General 5. A commitment to the Aims and Purposes of Onside 5.1 Have an appropriate level of sickness absence
To apply/more information: Education Sense
office@education-sense.com
Quoting Job Ref: ART-THER

HR, Recruitment

Early Intervention in Employment Advisor

Kent
Salary £22,367-£23,921
mcch is a charitable organisation committed to

designing and delivering services, based on the unique qualities of each individual, to people with learning disabilities, autism or mental health needs. Early Intervention in Psychosis Team Employment Advisor Ref: 738/E22,367-£23,921 There are exciting opportunities to be a part of the mcch team providing employment and vocational services to individuals to achieve their employment and vocational aspirations by providing information, advice and guidance and support to access and retain paid employment. All successful applicants will be able to demonstrate commitment to supporting individuals in their employment pathway. Working directly with the EIP teams in partnership with other statutory and VCS organisations to develop early intervention supported employment and vocational initiatives for individuals with mental health issues accessing services. To support individuals in order to facilitate the recovery process through paid employment, work-related, education and training opportunities. For an application form and job description email jobs@mcch.co.uk or apply on line at www.mcch.co.uk alternatively call 0845 600 1552. Please quote ref. We also have large type/Braille versions available on request. All appointments are subject to a Criminal Records Disclosure.
To apply/more information: j.pearce@mcch.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 738/E

Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

Continuous Improvement Facilitator

Hythe
Salary Salary Negotiable
We are a local manufacturer and have created a new position for a Continuous Improvement Facilitator to develop and implement improvement programmes You will have a successful record in a Continuous Improvement role, knowledge of lean tools and techniques and be able to negotiate at all levels and drive change throughout the business. In return we offer a competitive salary and benefits. To apply send your CV to johnson@hwooding.co.uk or telephone Jennie Olson on 01303 236538
To apply/more information: H V Wooding Ltd
johnson@hwooding.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Management, Senior Positions

REACH Compliance Coordinator

Kent
Salary £25,000+
Working for a highly successful SME based in Mid Kent, the main responsibility of this role is to ensure compliance with REACH regulations for materials imported into Europe and to write safety data sheets including classification according to CLP and GHS. Ideally from a Chemist related background you will act as the main interface between the company and regulators. Maintenance of ISO 9000 system and focal point for QA of raw materials and finished goods.
To apply/more information:

Interpersonal
jfk@interpersonal.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: JFK1687

SUPPORT WORKERS

Sittingbourne
Salary £13,250
ACH is a fast-growing organisation, developing new, high quality residential homes for adults with Learning Disabilities. Due to our continued growth we now require the following staff to complement our team at our home in BOBBING
www.achuk.com SENIOR SUPPORT WORKERS
Salary from £15,250

Marketing, Advertising

Marketing, Sales and Communication

Canterbury
Salary 12,500-26,500 depending on skills
FULL-TIME, PART-TIME/JOB SHARE/MOTIVATED & READY We are looking for someone who has an ability to communicate confidently with members of the public with a level of service that exceeds expectation. This role is office based within the health and wellness sector and also includes community based events for promotions. Only apply if you are interested in personal growth, development and a career. Whilst the role has a base salary depending on your demonstrative skills, there is huge potential for bonuses for any applicant. That is why you have to be the kind of person who enjoys having goals and helping people get well and stay well. If you love success, you are eager to help people and want to make a difference, please apply immediately.
To apply/more information: Wellness Practice
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 2010-02

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Ashford
Salary Commission Only
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To apply/more information: KOS Media
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Field Sales

Maidstone
Salary Salary Negotiable
We are looking for an exceptional sales person for a field sales position covering the Maidstone area. Only hard working, tenacious and motivated professionals need apply

Ideally from a sales background you will understand the importance of balancing good customer service with achieving targets. Media experience is not essential as training will be given. KOS Media is one of the fastest growing multi media companies serving the Kent county. We publish 14 weekly newspapers including the flagship Kent on Sunday together with seasonal / annual magazines and 20 online news sites. We offer a good basic salary, performance and target related bonus and 5 weeks holiday.

So if you think you have what it takes to join our sales teams send your CV to ynez.cotton@kosmedia.co.uk quoting field sales or telesales position

To apply/more information: KOS Media
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Motor Trade, Driver

EXHIBITION LABOURER/DRIVER

Gravesend
Salary TBA
Exhibition Stand Design, Manufacture, & Management based in Gravesend require EXHIBITION LABOURER/DRIVER (HGV Class 2 and forklift licences essential) Telephone (01474) 536360 for application form or e-mail CV to: mail@esm-uk.com
To apply/more information: Exhibitions Stands Manufacturers Ltd
mail@esm-uk.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

10 x LGV 1 Drivers

Maidstone
Salary £550 p/wk
10 x LGV 1 Drivers PM / NTS 6 MTH CONTRACT
£550 p/wk Holiday & mileage allowance
Due to continued growth Mainstream, Kent, Co's leading driving agency, need 10 pm/nt LGV 1 Drivers to work Thursday to Monday shifts. The contract is for a fixed 6 month period ending in January 2011. The work will involve primarily supermarkets based in Aylesford and Snodland. £550 p/wk is guaranteed + overtime possible. Holiday is accrued as you go so 14 days most likely. Interviews will be held in Sittingbourne but positions will be subject to the passing of a driving assessment. 1 years min experience and no more than 6 points on licence. Call Jamie or Graham now on 01795 418100 (agy)
To apply/more information: Mainstream Staff Supplies
graham.knowles@recruitandtrain.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

HGV1 Flexi Drivers

Northfleet
Salary Salary Negotiable
HGV1 Flexi Drivers required
MJD GROUP
Dennis
01322 370700
To apply/more information:



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Not for profit, Charities

Executive Committee Member

Thanelt
Salary Voluntary
 Executive Committee Members
 Required This position is on a volunteer basis although reasonable out of pocket expenses will be paid. As a rapidly expanding organisation we are seeking individuals from across the demographic spectrum to join East Kent Mencap. CQs Executive Committee. These positions are subject to enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks which are currently free to volunteers. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month except August and December at our Head Office in Cliftonville. Meetings start at 18:30 and generally last about two hours. CQ You should have an interest in developing services for and with people with a learning disability. CQ Be prepared to promote their rights to make choices and lead the life that they want to lead. CQ Collectively, along with other committee members, you will be responsible for the strategic planning to take East Kent Mencap forward. CQ You will also be responsible for the allocation of spending within the confines of charity accounting procedures. Full support and training will be available. The closing date for applications will be Friday 17th September 2010. Applications must be via an application form which can be obtained by calling 01843-224482 or emailing Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk
To apply/more information:
 East Kent Mencap
 Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: EXC0001

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Massage Therapist

Canterbury
Salary 9-18 k per annum + bonuses
 FULLTIME PART-TIME/JOBSHARE Position available at Kent's leading Spinal Health Care Practice in Canterbury. We are looking for hardworking and motivated massage therapists who are: Enthusiastic and committed to helping people Organised and efficient A Team Player Driven to attain self improvement and success Must have basic Massage qualification further in house training given Basic computer skills preferable No Clinical experience necessary as full training will be given NEW GRADUATES WELCOME! Apply for this position if you consider yourself to be confident and outgoing Earning ability from £8000 - £22000 per annum if you think you have what we are looking for, please apply in writing with your C.V. to Recruitment Manager, The Wellness Practice LTD Blean Canterbury Kent CT2 9EB
To apply/more information:
 Wellness Practice
 applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: masthe 001

Marketing, Sales and Communication

Canterbury
Salary 12,500-26,500 depending on skills
 FULL-TIME, PART-TIME/JOBSHARE MOTIVATED & READY We are looking for someone who has an ability to communicate confidently with members of the public with a level of service that exceeds expectation. This role is office

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To apply/more information:
 Wellness Practice
 applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: 2010-02

Night Staff

Sevenoaks
Salary TBA
 Due to expansion Night Staff required for busy residential home. Good rates of pay and bonus. NVQ Training available. Please ring Karen or Julie 01732 822215 from Monday
To apply/more information:
 Holywell Park Ltd
 debbieholywell@aol.com
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £8.25 to £10.00 per hour
 COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS REQUIRED FOR EXPANDING CARE AGENCY! FULL-TIME SHIFTS AVAILABLE IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS & PADDOCK WOODS Self Employed basis only Shift starts at 7am
 £8.25 to £10.00 per hour You need to be happy taking responsibility and working with older people on your own Must have own car and phone Uniform provided Full Training programme available Experience preferred but not essential All applicants subject to Enhanced CRB Check CALL ELAINE/JULIA ON 01892 529429 FOR AN INTERVIEW www.terrablu.co.uk
 n Investor in People Employer
To apply/more information:
 TerraBlu Ltd
 emma.foord@terrablu.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

Sports Therapist

Canterbury
Salary £12k - £20k depending on skills
 FULLTIME PART-TIME/JOBSHARE Position available at Kent's leading Spinal Health Care Practice in Canterbury. We are looking for hardworking and motivated massage therapists who are: Enthusiastic and committed to helping people Organised and efficient A Team Player Driven to attain self improvement and success Must have basic Massage qualification further in house training given Basic computer skills preferable No Clinical experience necessary as full training will be given NEW GRADUATES WELCOME! Apply for this position if you consider yourself to be confident and outgoing Earning ability from £8000 - £22000 per annum if you think you have what we are looking for, please apply in writing with your C.V. to Recruitment Manager, The Wellness Practice LTD Blean Canterbury Kent CT2 9EB
To apply/more information:
 Wellness Practice
 applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: SPORTS 001

Support Worker

Canterbury
Salary Salary Negotiable
 The Fifth Trust are looking for an experienced individual to work within our Day Services for Adults with Learning Difficulties. This is in a support/care role which will involve Personal

Care. You must have a proven experience of working within the care setting and be able to Drive our Minibus, if not be prepared to take the necessary test. Car driver essential and a flexible approach as you will be required to work over 2 sites. For both Jobs please send your CV and a covering letter to: The Fifth Trust
 C/O Mrs Nikki Marley
 Elham Valley Vineyard
 Elham Valley Road
 Barham
 Canterbury, Kent. CT4 6LN
To apply/more information:
 Family Investment Homes Ltd
 applications@kosmedia.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

Carers

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £6.32-£7.99 per hour
 SC Support & Care Services Ltd
 We provide a high quality service to promote independent living and social activities for people with various needs. We are looking for part time, casual, evening and weekend staff to work in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. Car and mobile essential. Mileage allowance, weekend and evening enhancements. £6.32-£7.99 per hour. Full training given.
 For further details please ring 01732 875888
To apply/more information:
 SC Support & Care Services
 applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

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Lecturer in Foundation Programmes

Medway
Salary £24,096 - £28,963 pro rata
 Lecturer in Foundation Programmes Ref: P0121
Salary: £24,096 - £28,963 pro rata (dependant on qualifications and experience) 30 hours per week
 Medway The College is looking to recruit an outstanding individual to participate in the delivery of Foundation Programmes across the College. The role will involve working with Learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and ensuring that learners develop and achieve the skills they need to progress. The successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. MidKent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
 Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer
To apply/more information:
 Mid Kent College
 job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: P0378

Hourly Paid Facilitators

Medway
Salary Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26
 Hourly Paid Facilitators Ref: SE560
 Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26 (dependent on qualifications and experience)
 Medway We are looking to recruit sessional facilitators to join our successful CAST Team, working with students who have learning difficulties/disabilities. The ideal candidates will have experience of working with young people and are able to offer hours to suit the College timetables. MidKent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144

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 Mid Kent College
 job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: SE560

RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS

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Salary £11,620 - £18,500 PA
 RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS FOR THE WHISTABLE AREASALARY RANGE £11,620 - £18,500 PA PLUS INCREMENTS WE REQUIRE RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS TO WORK IN OUR NEW HOMES QUALIFICATIONS NVQ 3 OR EQUIVALENT PREFERRED. HOWEVER TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR APPLICANTS WITH EVIDENT POTENTIAL AND/OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCE. Informal discussion available with DENNIS SHRUBSOLE - Registered Manager - 01227 771115 For an application form contact our office manager JANN ASLETT ON 01732 740088 EMAIL: headoffice@benecaretd.co.uk
 www.benecaretd.co.uk
To apply/more information:
 Bene Care
 applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

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To apply/more information:
 SC Support & Care Services
 applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

Care Assistants

Maidstone
Salary Salary Negotiable
 Kent SCP are currently recruiting Skilled and inexperienced Care Assistants, Community Carers and Support Workers across Kent
 Call 01622 765365
To apply/more information:
 Kent Social Care Professionals
 info@kentscp.com
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

Support Workers

Maidstone
Salary Salary Negotiable
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To apply/more information:
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LESSON SUPERVISOR

Sittingbourne
 This post is designed to provide supervision of classes in the absence of the subject teacher or form tutor. The job is not a teaching role but will require good classroom management skills as well as a confident personality, a good presence and excellent communication skills. Applicants should be well educated, preferably to further education level, and have experience of giving support in the classroom, preferably as a Teaching Assistant, although other qualifications and personal/work experiences will be taken into account. Employment will start after a one-week paid in-service training course. There will be a six-month probationary period. 8.25am - 3.20pm with 1 hr unpaid breaks, term time only plus 1 staff training day and 25 days paid holiday a year, or as relevant to years of service in a similar post. Salary starting at £16,793 rising to £18,471 (pro-rata) (equal to £12,516 - £13,766 depending on experience) Recruitment packs are available from the school or online. Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form. Closing date, Friday 27 August 2010

The Westlands School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461
 Email: office@westlands.kent.sch.uk
 h.uk Headteacher: J Whitcombe
MA To apply/more information:
 Westlands School (The)
 headteacher@westlands.kent.sch.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

Teaching Assistant

Sittingbourne
Salary £12,903 - £15,984 pro rata
 Teaching Assistant Required for September 2010 To work at The Westlands Primary School, Homewood Avenue
 Applicants should have the necessary skills to support pupils who have various learning difficulties in mainstream classes, in small groups or on an individual basis. 27 hours a week, term time only. Kent Pay Band 2/3 £12,903 - £15,984 (pro rata) (equal to £7,765 - £9619 depending on experience)
 You are welcome to contact the school for a preliminary discussion if desired.

Recruitment packs are available from the school or online. Closing date, Friday 20 August 2010
 The Westlands School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1PF www.westlands.kent.sch.uk Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461
 Email: office@westlands.kent.sch.uk
 h.uk Executive Headteacher: J Whitcombe MA
To apply/more information:
 Westlands School (The)
 headteacher@westlands.kent.sch.uk
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

Care Assistants

Maidstone
Salary Salary Negotiable
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 Call 01622 765365
To apply/more information:
 Kent Social Care Professionals
 info@kentscp.com
 Quoting Job Ref: kos

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 10/02564/FUL** **Mount Pleasant House 4 - 6 Lonsdale Gardens, Culverden**
 - Alteration of the existing Telefonica O2 UK Ltd installation of the roof to allow for shared use with Vodafone, works include: Removal of 3 existing O2 2G antennas. Relocation of 3 existing O2 3G antennas onto 2G antenna poles for use by Vodafone. Installation of 3 new O2 tri-band antennas on original 3G antenna pole. Installation of 1 Vodafone cabinet on the roof of the building and development ancillary thereto (MAST) (CA)
- 10/02487/HOUSE** **Mount House Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
 - Demolition of single-storey lean-to structure; Erection of a single-storey rear extension and alterations to outbuilding (LB)
- 10/02488/LBC** **Mount House Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
 - Listed Building Consent - Demolition of single-storey lean-to structure; erection of a single-storey rear extension and alterations to outbuilding (LB)
- 10/02529/LBC** **Jetwells Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst**
 - Refurbishment and general alterations to include works to 3 fireplaces and the installation of a new bathroom together with drainage works (LB)
- 10/02560/FUL** **Stockmans Cottage Water Lane, Hawkhurst**
 - Implement building for equipment to maintain the land, menage and horses (LB)
- 10/02567/FUL** **Fidgets Pre-School & Nursery Lamberhurst Vineyard, Lamberhurst**
 - Retrospective - Change of use of ground to form additional external play area to childrens day nursery (CA)
- 10/02411/HOUSE** **Maripit Cottage The Down, Lamberhurst**
 - Two-storey side extension (amendments to approved TW/07/03345/FUL refers). Conversion of garage to a play room (CA) (LB) (PROW)
- 10/02590/HOUSE** **The Old Orange Tree School Hill, Lamberhurst**
 - Proposed conservatory on rear of property and alteration to existing window into door with sidelight in modern extension (LB) (CA)
- 10/02592/LBC** **The Old Orange Tree School Hill, Lamberhurst**
 - Listed building consent - proposed conservatory on rear of property and alteration to existing window into door with sidelight in modern extension (LB)
- 10/02459/FUL** **Kenmare Camden Park, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Variation of Condition 7 of TW/10/00061/FUL - To remove the restriction to the opening of windows to the side elevations at first floor level; Allow windows to open 1700mm above floor level for ventilation (CA)
- 10/02374/HOUSE** **17 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Refurbishment to existing orangery (CA) (LB)
- 10/02375/LBC** **17 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Listed Building Consent - Refurbishment to existing orangery (LB)
- 10/02393/FUL** **The Oast Old Forge Farm, Southborough And High Brooms**
 - Change of use of first floor from storage to residential accommodation for farm worker (PROW)
- 10/02556/HOUSE** **32C London Road Southborough, Southborough North**
 - Single-storey side extension (CA)
- 10/02579/HOUSE** **The Old Rectory Langton Road, Speldhurst**
 - Removal of vertical clay tiling from a played bay at first floor level and alteration of a ground floor window (CA) (LB)
- 10/02581/LBC** **The Old Rectory Langton Road, Speldhurst**
 - Listed Building Consent - Removal of vertical clay tiling from a played bay at first floor level and alteration of a ground floor window (LB)
- 10/02524/FUL** **Flat 2 27 St James Road, St James**
 - Replacement of 4 windows to the front and 2 windows to the rear elevation (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at

Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
 Head of Planning Services
 Town Hall
 Royal Tunbridge Wells
 TN1 1RS

Dated: 21 August 2010



HIGHWAYS – District of Ashford

**CHART ROAD, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of realigning the centre line of the road, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Chart Road, Ashford from 25 August 2010 for up to 1 night or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with the A28 Templar Way and A292 Maidstone Road. There will be no access for though traffic between the hours of 10.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The alternative route is via A28 Templar Way and A292 Maidstone Road.

**B2067 ROMAN ROAD, ALDINGTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway strengthening and resurfacing due to potholes and areas of surface erosion, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on B2067 Roman Road, Aldington, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Knoll Hill to adjacent to the property named 'Upper Park Farm'.

The alternative route is via Roman Road, Aldington Road, Otterpool Lane, Ashford Road, Barrow Hill, Main Road, Station Road, Goldwell Lane, Calleywell Lane, and Roman Road.

There will be an additional diversion on the first morning of the works whilst work is carried out at the junction between Knoll Hill and Roman Road. This is from Calleywell Lane via Forge Hill, New Road Hill, Boat Lane and Knoll Hill.

HIGHWAYS – District of Canterbury

**THANET WAY SERVICE ROAD, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Thanet Way Service Road, Whitstable from 27 August 2010 for up to 5 nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Reeves Way parallel to the A2990 Thanet Way to the junction with Clover Rise.

The alternative route is via Reeves Way, A2990 Thanet Way and Clover Rise.

**ST MARY'S STREET, CANTERBURY
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of external repairs to Linen House, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on St Mary's Street, Canterbury from 23 August 2010 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Linen House. There will be no access for through traffic weekdays only, between the hours of 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

The alternative route is via Castle Street, Pin Hill, Rhodaus Town, Watling Street & Marlowe Avenue.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order in respect of St Mary's Street to allow access, when the relevant signs are covered.

There will be a suspension of the One-Way Traffic Order in respect of Marlow Avenue, between the junctions with St Mary's Street and St John's Lane, when the signs are covered.

**B2068 ST LAWRENCE ROAD, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on B2068 St Lawrence Road, Canterbury on or after 27 August 2010 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Old Dover Road and New Dover Road.

The alternative route is via Old Dover Road and A2050 New Dover Road.

**A290 ST PETER'S PLACE, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing works, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on A290 St Peter's Place, Canterbury from 26 August 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

It is planned that the works will be carried out between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed from West Gate Towers to the south of the junction with Tower Way. Access to Tower Way will be maintained.

The alternative route is via A290 St Peter's Place, A2050 Rheims Way, London Road and A290 St Dunstan's Street.

Pound Lane will be closed at its junction with St Peter's Place. The alternative route will be via The Causeway and North Lane, then as above.

St Peter's Street will be closed at its junction with St Peter's Place. The alternative route is via Guildhall Street, Palace Street, The Borough and Northgate.

**SCHOOL LANE & MILL LANE, HERNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on School Lane & Mill Lane, Herne from 24 August 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The closure is in phases between Herne Street and A299 Thanet Way slip road. The planned works will be carried out as detailed below.

Dates	Extent of road affected	Alternative Route
Phase 1 23 August 2010 for 3 days	School Lane between Herne Street and Broomfield Road	Herne Street, Canterbury Road, Mill View Road, Mill Lane, Hunters Forstal Road, Hawe Farm Way and Broomfield Road
Phase 2 26 August 2010 for 3 working days	Mill Lane between Broomfield Road and Hunters Forstal Road	Broomfield Road, Hawe Farm Way and Hunters Forstal Road
Phase 3 1 September 2010 for 3 days	Mill Lane between Hunters Forstal Road and A299 Thanet Way slip road	Southbound via A299 off-slip, Canterbury Road, School Lane and Mill Lane

Northbound via Mill Lane, broomfield Road, Hawe Farm Way, Hunters Forstal Road and Margate Road.

The following roads will each be closed at their junctions with Mill Lane

Phase 2: Mill View Road, Windmill Road, Mount View Road and Hunters Forstal Road.

Phase 3: Pigeon Lane, Kingsfield Road and Hillbrow Avenue

**ST GEORGE'S SUBWAY, CANTERBURY
(RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY
ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of removal of graffiti and subway maintenance works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting pedestrians on St George's Subway, Canterbury, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The closure will be in rolling phases, and only one section will be closed at any one time, as signposted on site. Pedestrians should use alternative sections of the subway or the surface crossing on St Georges Street.

**HIGH STREET, STURRY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on High Street, Sturry, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the northern junction with A28 Mill Road.

The alternative route is via the southern junction with Mill Road. The One-way Traffic Order in respect of High Street will be suspended to allow traffic to enter and exit High Street from the southern junction with Mill Road.

**B2205 SEA STREET, HERNE BAY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on B2205 Sea Street, Herne Bay, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with York Road and Lane End.

The alternative routes will be

Northbound via Fleetwood Avenue, The Circus and Station Road.

Westbound via The Broadway and Central Avenue.

**VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHEAP, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Wincheap on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below

Cotton Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cow Lane and Jackson Road

From 8 September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Cow Lane, Maynard Road and Jackson Road

Cushman Road, Wincheap will be closed between Maynard Road and Simmonds Road

From 9th September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Maynard Road, Cow Lane and Simmonds Road

Jackson Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cotton Road and Maynard Road

From 10 September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Cotton Road, Cow Lane and Maynard Road

Maynard Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cow Lane and Jackson Road

From 13 September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Cow Lane, Cotton Road and Jackson Road

Simmonds Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cow Lane and Wincheap

From 14 September 2010 for up to 4 nights

Alternative route via Wincheap and Cow Lane

HIGHWAYS – District of Dover

**VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Dover District from 23 August 2010 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed as shown below.

Telegraph Road, Deal - from 23 August 2010 for up to 3 days

Between the junctions with Freemens Way and Hamilton Road.

Alternative route via Freemens Way, Mill Hill, Mill Road and Hamilton Road

Stonyway Lane, Hougham - from 31 August 2010 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

From the junction with Elms Vale Road to Elms Farm, with no access for though traffic between Elms Hill and Parsonage Farm Road.

Alternative route via Elms Vale Road, B2011 Folkestone Road, Plough Hill, Doctors Lane and Stonyway Lane

Balmoral Road, Kingsdown - from 6 September 2010 for up to 5 days

Between the junctions with Glen Road and Edward Road.

Alternative route via Glen Road, Sea Road and Balmoral Road.

Eight Acres, Hougham from 15 September 2010 for up to 3 days
Between the junctions with The Street, Hougham and Broadsole Lane.

Alternative route via The Street, Hougham and Broadsole Lane

Brook Street, Eastry – from 20 September 2010 for up to 4 days

Between Lower Street and Hay Hill

Alternative route via Hay Hill, Updown Lane, Northbourne Road, A256 Eastry Bypass, Dover Road and Lower Street

Bowling Green Lane, Deal - from 4 October 2010 for up to 1 week

Between London Road and Middle Deal Road.

Alternative route via London Road and Middle Deal Road

**CATTLE MARKET & NO NAME STREET, SANDWICH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cattle Market & No Name Street, Sandwich on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Cattle Market will be closed from and including the junction with No Name Street to the junction of Cattle Market outside The Guildhall. No Name Street will be closed at the junction with Cattle Market.

The alternative route for through traffic is via New Street, St Bart's Road, Woodnesborough Road and Cattle Market.

HIGHWAYS – District of Swale

**A2 DOVER STREET, SITTINGBOURNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on A2 Dover Street, Sittingbourne from 25 August 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed. It is planned the works will be carried out between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Church Street and West Street.

The alternative route is via A2 Station Road, St Michael's Road, Crown Quay Lane, B2006 Eurolink Way/Mill Way, B2205 St Paul's Street, B2006 Staplehurst Road, Sheppey Way, and A2 Key Street/London Road.

**CULLETT DRIVE, RUSHENDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway maintenance and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Cullett Drive, Rushenden on or after 23 August 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

It is planned the road will be closed between 7.00 pm and 6.00 am, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed from the junction with Rushenden Road to the junction with Argent Road.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

**HIGH STREET, SITTINGBOURNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of repairs to inspection chambers, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on High Street, Sittingbourne, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to through traffic between the junctions with Park Road and Bell Road.

The alternative route is via Park Road, Avenue of Remembrance and Bell Road.

HIGHWAYS – Borough of Thanet

**MEVERALL AVENUE,
RAMSGATE & FAIR STREET, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER
2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Meverall Avenue, Ramsgate and Fair Street, Broadstairs on or after 26 August 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

It will be necessary to close Meverall Avenue, Ramsgate and Fair Street, Broadstairs, as shown below.

Meverall Avenue, Ramsgate will be closed from 26 August 2010 for up to 2 days between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed at the junction with A256 Sandwich Road. The alternative route is via A256 Sandwich Road and Clifsend Road.

Fair Street, Broadstairs will be closed from 31 August 2010 for up to 1 day between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between property numbers 42 to 46. The alternative route is via Fairfield Road, Bromstone Road and Wilkes Road.

**VARIOUS ROADS, BROADSTAIRS (ST PETER'S PARK
ROAD SIDE ROADS)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER
2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Broadstairs (St Peter's Park Road side roads) on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 16 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Each of the roads will be closed at its junction with St Peter's Park Road. The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

Sowell Street - 6 September 2010 for 2 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, High Street, Church Street and Albion Road

Bairds Hill - 6 September 2010 for 2 weeks

Alternative route via Albion Road, Beacon Road, Grange Road and Callis Court Hill

Crawford Road - 13 September 2010 for 3 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, Sowell Street and St Peter's Park Road

Ethel Road - 4 October 2010 for 1 week

Alternative route via Crawford Road and St Peter's Park Road

Walmsley Road - 11 October 2010 for 2 weeks

Alternative route via Crawford Road, Ethel Road and St Peter's Park Road

Percy Road - 25 October 2010 for 3 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, Crawford Road, Walmsley Road and St Peter's Park Road

Fordoun Road - 15 November 2010 for up to 6 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, The Broadway and St Peter's Park Road

The One-way traffic order in respect of Fordoun Road will be suspended to allow access

**HIGHWAYS - Borough of
Tonbridge & Malling**

**PINESFIELD LANE, TROTTSCLIFFE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pinesfield Lane from the junction of Trosley Court for 150m towards "Larling" on or after Wednesday 1st September 2010 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed. The alternative route is via Church Lane, Taylors Lane, Pilgrims Way.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Keith White on 01233 714082. A290 St Peter's Place, Canterbury

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By **STEVE LOADER**

IN just three years, Nissan has transformed itself into one of the most go-ahead brands in the motor market.

The pivotal model was the five or seven-seat Qashqai (main picture); not only an excellent car in its own right, but one enabling the Japanese marque to streamline its range and boost profitability.

Instead of three different production lines producing the dreary Almera family hatchback, the bigger Primera family model and the rather anonymous Almera Tino MPV, Nissan was able to concentrate on churning out Qashqais.

At a stroke it also created a fashionable new sector – the crossover. It's part hatchback and part MPV, with styling influenced by the 4x4 sector – some Qashqais can even be specified with all-wheel drive.

Better still for those who want to buy British, the Qashqai is the primary product of Nissan's efficient plant at Sunderland, though it has recently been joined by a line producing the new star in waiting – the all-new Nissan Juke (inset right), which is a kind of junior Qashqai to replace the now defunct Micra supermini.

Nissan also continues to make halo cars like the red-blooded 270Z sport car and GT-R supercar.

But the Qashqai is its UK star and Nissan has followed up a recent and stylish facelift – most noticeable on the outside – by making tweaks beneath the metal.

Most notable is the optional (£200) Stop/Start feature lowering emissions and

The changing face and pace of Nissan



fuel consumption on the big-selling entry powertrain; the 1.6-litre petrol variant accounts for 40 per cent of Qashqai sales.

In my opinion, it is not the best engine choice, but many buyers are clearly happy to pay the lower purchase price and bear the increased fuel consumption and this well-priced option can only help them make the choice while saving a little more on road tax too.

The standout unit though is the 1.5-litre diesel, which is now more powerful and more efficient, but always did deliver the best balance of output and economy and is

also refined in most driving situations.

Nissan has also tweaked the popular n-tec luxury spec – including premium sound system, sat nav, colour reversing camera, panoramic roof and privacy glass – which now gets the £400 optional 18-inch alloys thrown in with a new £250 option on chrome highlights inside and out.

However, even in 4x4 form, the Qashqai's high driving position and butch styling are really only paying off lip service to off-road ability.

If you need more of that then Nissan's enduring and likeable X-Trail is the better

bet, being a good blend of on-road refinement and some genuine ability when the going gets tough. This car has also received a facelift that has toned down the boxy styling and created a more premium feel, highlighted literally by the car's distinctive vertical lights now incorporating LED light technology for improved visibility.

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Audi hatches its latest Sportback

AUDI has expanded its versatile Sportback sub-brand with its most stunning version so far.

Order books opened this week for the all-new and rakish A7 Sportback/hatchback coupé, priced from £42,925 and due with customers early next year.

Using an aluminium and steel body, the newcomer is 15 per cent lighter than an all-steel equivalent, allowing the launch array of two petrol engines and two TDI diesels

to deliver good performance with impressive low consumption and emission levels.

The luxury image is underlined by premium options including parallel park assist, all-LED headlights, head-up display and adaptive air suspension.

The A7 goes head-to-head with BMW's own luxury executive hatch, the 5-Series Gran Turismo (from £42,225) and begs the question: "So what has Mercedes-Benz got up its corporate sleeve?"



Suzuki's 4x4x40 celebrations

CELEBRATIONS have started for the Suzuki Jimny's 40th anniversary.

The cheeky 4x4 remains the UK's cheapest entry to genuine off-road ability and impressed us all over again this year when we road tested one during the worst of the snowy weather.

The earliest incarnation of the car arrived in 1970 as the LJ10 model, becoming the Jimny in 1998, and now using an 84bhp 1.3-litre four-cylinder petrol engine, capable of averaging around 40mpg.



Jimny prices from £10,995 – including metallic paint, front fog lamps, roof rails and remote central locking as standard – add to its appeal as an affordable workhorse.

The Japanese marque has also created a new flagship version of its SX4

SUV (sports utility vehicle) cum family hatchback. The SZ5 4x4 (from £14,235) is available with a 1.6-litre petrol or 2.0-litre diesel unit, comes with 4x4 as standard and looks like a smart bid to remind the market that the Suzuki anticipated the new vogue for 'crossovers' – family hatchbacks with 'funky chunky' SUV styling.

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Happy premium birthday Lexus

LEXUS launched in the UK 20 years ago asking to be shot down. Many industry watchers doubted whether even Toyota could create its own luxury brand overnight, when German rivals could trace a heritage to well before World War Two. And it could be argued the Japanese upstart hindered as much as helped its debut by choosing to create a car that so closely resembled the Mercedes-Benz S-Class. But Toyota showed that meticulous engineering, a slight price advantage and comprehensive specifications could win out even in a target market where badge snobbery is everything;

by
STEVELOADER

Lexus flourished and new ranges followed. Significantly, Japanese rivals Honda, Mazda and Nissan also tried to ‘do a Lexus’ and with less success. Honda launched the Acura brand – never officially launched in the UK – while Mazda tried the tongue-twisting Xedos, which lasted just eight years. Infiniti is currently expanding in the UK

despite the economic downturn, but the brand almost died in the early Noughties. Meanwhile, Lexus is about to add a fifth model to its UK line-up to follow the LS flagship, GS – BMW 5-Series equivalent – the IS compact executive model and the 450h hybrid SUV. The newcomer is the CT 200h executive hatchback (pictured left) due early next year and which, like the 450h, uses a petrol-electric powertrain for economy and low emissions, though the Japanese marque claims it will also offer sporty driving. The intention is clear: to offer a premium-badge executive model that fits company car man’s desire to be seen to do the right thing by

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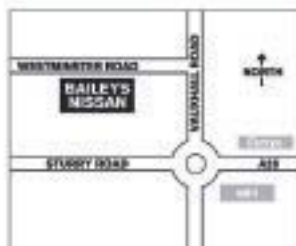
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Baby Citroën seduces with sheer economic good sense

MOTORING does not come much cheaper than behind the wheel of the Citroën C1.

It is, of course, a barely disguised clone of the Peugeot 107 and Toyota Aygo – all three being produced in the same Eastern European plant, with reliability virtually guaranteed thanks to Toyota's overall leadership of the project.

However, the French marque usually has the best deals around on its versions of the little three and five-door car, and the current bait is a three-year PCP (personal contract purchase) for just £149 down and then £149 a month on a £9,000 C1 Splash special edition with all the kit most people would want.

Prices for C1s start as low as £6,495 though and most models also come with three years' free servicing. In short, the C1 can be one of those 'buy it and forget it' bargains that many cash-strapped consumers need just now.

But how much do you give up by taking the 'cheap and cheerful' route? Not as much as you might think actually.

For a start, the C1 is fun to drive in best-selling 68bhp 1.0-litre petrol form; Citroën also offers a 55bhp diesel, but it's a slug and you will pay nearly £1,000 more for the privilege and spend a long time driving to claw the money back in fuel savings – it averages less than 10mpg better than the 60+mpg of the petrol.

Nor are the emissions any better for the diesel, both powertrains being tantalizingly close to yet failing to be road tax exempt – £20 a year after the first year is hardly a deal breaker though.

DrivingReview



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Citroën C1

Having made the not so hard decision to opt for the petrol, you will find it revs well despite the typically uneven beat of the three-cylinder unit, and the car's lightness – which contributes to the excellent economy – makes it responsive too, aided by light steering and gear-shifting.

The suspension/damping of this relatively short wheelbase car is also well-judged, delivering a decent ride and taut handling plus reasonable motorway refinement for this class.

As I've said before when driving these Citroën/Peugeot/Toyota triplets, they can be



safe, but entertaining to drive if you keep the revs up and twirl the gearbox enthusiastically in the style of the original Mini.

Like that old stager though it's not hard to see where corners have been cut to get weight and price down: the rear hatch is a modest-size lift-up glass panel that doesn't invite cramming with bits of furniture; the boot is small anyway; and the rear seats don't fold completely flat to the floor.

The rear windows are also low rent, being pop-out rather than electric or even wind-up.

But it is also surprising what a few creature comforts can do, as I found when driving the VTR+ flagship model loaned by Wilmoths Citroën of Ashford.

This £9,195 five-door version comes with leather and Alcantara suede-effect seats that transform the ambience of the cabin and, while fairly basic, the dashboard is well organised and funky to look at – the rev counter pod juts out like an ear from the speedo.

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159, JDTM, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 32782 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

159, 1.9 JDTM 16v, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags traction control remote central locking, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 27951 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)



SAAB 9-3 1.9T Vector Sport, 4 Doors, Manual, Saloon, Diesel, 2006 56 Reg, 114,000 miles, Metallic grey. Heated door mirrors, Folding rear seats, Radio/CD, Cruise control, Alloy wheels, Immobiliser, ABS, Sports seats, Front fog lights, Passenger airbag, Reverse parking aid, Remote central locking, Drivers airbag, Anti theft system, Park distance control, Locking wheel nuts, Trip computer, Navigation system, Spare spare wheel, Electric mirrors, Alarm, PAS, Air conditioning, CD, Central locking, Climate Control, Full Service History, Fully integrated Navigation system, Mobile phone Bluetooth connection, Business Pack 6 Speed gearbox. **£5,995**

SAAB 9-5 2.3T Aero, 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 2002 52 Reg, 140,700 miles, Metallic BLUE, 3 Owners. Leather seat trim, ABS, Air conditioning, Alloy wheels, Anti theft system, Body kit, CD, Central locking, Climate Control, Colour coding - Body, Computer, Cruise control, Driver airbag, Electric mirrors, Electric windows, Electric sunroof, Front armrest, Leather seats, Immobiliser, Metallic paintwork, Park distance control, Part Service History, Remote locking, Roof rails, Radio/Cassette, Radio/CD, Sports seats, Remote central locking, Rear electric windows, Heated door mirrors, Audio remote control, Alarm, Trip computer. **£3,995**

SAAB 9-3 2.0i S Convertible, 2 Doors, Automatic, Convertible, Petrol, 1998 S Reg, 78,811 miles, Metallic Silver, 2 Owners. ABS, Air conditioning, Alloy wheels, Central locking, Colour coding - Body, Computer, Cruise control, Driver airbag, Full Electric Pack, Heated seats, Leather seats, Metallic paintwork, Multi function steering wheel, Passenger airbag, Power assisted steering, Radio/CD, Side airbags, Tinted glass, Wheel trims. **£3,295**

SAAB 9-5 2.0T SE, 4 Doors, Automatic, Saloon, Petrol, 2001 Y Reg, 102,941 miles, Metallic Grey, 4 Owners. ABS, Radio/CD, Cruise control, Alloy wheels, Immobiliser, Leather upholstery, Full Electric Pack, Air conditioning, Alarm, Central locking, Radio/Cassette, Traction control, Body coloured bumpers, PAS, Climate Control, Service indicator. **£3,195**

SAAB 9-3 2.0T, 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 2000 W Reg, 70,471 miles, Metallic RED, 2 Owners. Central locking, Trip computer, Cloth upholstery, Part Service History, CD, Immobiliser, Side airbags, Rear electric windows, Electric door mirrors, Rear electric windows, ABS, PAS, Radio/Cassette, Air conditioning, Radio, Service indicator. **£2,495**

SAAB 9-3 2.0i, 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 1998 R Reg, 66,678 miles, Black, 1 Owner. Rear wiper, Trip computer, Cloth upholstery, Immobiliser, Part Service History, Remote locking, Drivers airbag, ABS, Adjustable seats, Air conditioning, Alloy wheels, Anti theft system, CD, Central locking, Child locks, Computer, Metallic paintwork, Radio, Side airbags, Steel wheels, Sunroof, Tinted glass, Wheel trims. **£1,895**

CITROEN Xsara 1.4i Forte, 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 2000 W Reg, 38,000 miles, Metallic SILVER, 2 Owners. ABS, Air conditioning, Folding rear seats, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Remote central locking, Drivers airbag, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Rear wiper, Steering wheel rake adjustment, Head restraints, Side airbags, Multi function steering wheel, Part Service History, Front electric windows, Cloth upholstery, Electric door mirrors, Body coloured bumpers, Central locking, Radio/Cassette, PAS, Metallic paintwork, Audio remote control, Insurance Group 6. **£1,795**

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A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDI 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 T FSI Sport, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags, blue, 37483 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 T FSI Sport, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags, blue, 37483 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, S3 Quattro, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, black, 17870 miles, £19500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, TDI S line, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 48000 miles, £11997, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, TDI S line, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 48000 miles, £11997, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, TDI S line, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 48000 miles, £11997, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDI 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDI SPORT 5DR, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser power steering, blue, 55811 miles, £10990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, TDI SE, 2004, blue, 108638 miles, £5999, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, FSI Sport Tip Auto, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 32000 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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C CLASS, C180 Kompressor SE Sports, rui3091, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, alarm, central locking, remote central locking, cruise control, electric front windows, trip computer, front fog lamps, adjustable steering column, sports seats, automatic electric windows, folding rear seats, head restraints, cruise control, power steering, cd player, colour coded body, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, cloth upholstery, locking wheel nuts, anti-theft system, high gloss tail lights, luggage net in front passenger well, service indicator (assyst), front door sills with mercedes lettering, esp with asr, aluminium linea trim, headlamp assist, rear seat belt pretensioners, active front headrests, front seats 'easy entry', auto mercedes-benz child seat recognition sensor, locking wheel bolts, height adjustable front seatbelts, front seatbelt pretensioners, outside temperature gauge, tinted glass, rear centre armrest, first aid kit, electrically heated + operated door mirrors, electric folding door mirrors + auto dimming rear view + drivers exterior door mirror, height adjustable front centre armrest with stowage, door mirror integrated indicators, high level third brake light, body colour aluminium silver, 18000 miles, £15995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180 K Elegance SE auto leather, ig03hzf, air conditioning, full leather, remote alarm, remote central locking, centre armrest, electric seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 15" alloys, beige leather trim, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fa regulated, obsidian black metallic, 44000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180 K Avantgarde SE auto, kr53dou, air conditioning, powered folding mirrors, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, electric seats, sports seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 16" alloys, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! aluminium silver, 49000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180K Avantgarde SE, ky57gfk, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, full leather, centre armrest, head restraints, electric seats, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, retractable headrests, rear armrest, rear headrests, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, multiple airbags, abs, trip computer, traction control, stability control, power steering, multi-function steering wheel, cruise control, adjustable steering column, auto-dip rearview, electric mirrors, electric windows, powered folding mirrors, dual climate zones, cd player, alloy wheels, cubanite silver, 23000 miles, £14995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180 K Elegance SE auto, ou53zkg, air conditioning, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, electric seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 15" alloys, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fa regulated, obsidian black metallic, 44000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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C CLASS, C180 K Avantgarde SE auto, kr53dou, air conditioning, powered folding mirrors, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, electric seats, sports seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 16" alloys, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! aluminium silver, 49000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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ZR, 1.4 105, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats, trophy yellow, 55640 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ZR, 1.4 105, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats, trophy yellow, 55640 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

ZR, 1.4 105, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats, trophy yellow, 55640 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

ZR, 1396cc 3 door, 2002, cd player driver's airbag electric steering tilt, chrome immobiliser, red, 70250 miles, £2995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ZS, 1.8 120, 2004, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags remote central locking, superlatig black, 66584 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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RAV-4, X15 VVT-I Auto, 7762079, full leather, colour satnav, power steering, cruise control, adjustable steering column, trip computer, remote central locking, remote alarm, auto-dip rearview, electric mirrors, electric windows, powered folding mirrors, air conditioning, climate control, electric sunroof, abs, curtain airbags, twin air bags, centre armrest, electric seats, height adjustable seat, auto lighting, rear headrests, bluetooth, cd player, radio, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, 4x4, Silver, 29900 miles, £15995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RAV-4, Nrg VVT-I, 7819079, air conditioning, power steering, cd player, radio, front fog lamps, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, electric windows, electric mirrors, abs, twin air bags, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, alloy wheels, 4x4, blue, 41000 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RAV-4, XT-R VVT-I, 7833079, air conditioning, traction control, power steering, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, front fog lamps, cd player, radio, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, rear headrests, roof rails, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, twin air bags, curtain airbags, full leather, alloy wheels, 4x4, grey, 67500 miles, £3995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RAV-4, X14 VVT-I automatic, g153yol, full leather, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, twin air bags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, rear wash/wipe, trip computer, satellite navigation, remote central locking, 16" alloys, 4x4, this high spec carbon quartz also fitted, carbon quartz met, 52000 miles, £9469, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

RAV-4, X14 VVT-I, gm04bvt, air conditioning, full leather, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, twin air bags, cd player, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, immobiliser, remote central locking, radio, 15" alloys, 4x4, grey, 66000 miles, £7999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

RAV4, GX, 1994, blue, 157585 miles, £950, barry northrop, 07311118917 (PRIVATE)

RAV4, VX, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering tinted glass twin airbags remote central locking, laqoon blue, 84283 miles, £5080, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RAV4, d-4d, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer isofix child seat points, grey, 64000 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RAV4, d-4d, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer isofix child seat points, grey, 64000 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

RAV4, GX Auto, 2002, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, red, 56537 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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AGILA, 12v, gk03zyd, immobiliser, power steering, radio, colour coded body, air bag, cloth upholstery, head restraints, rear wash/wipe, blue, 76000 miles, £2499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

AGILA, Enjoy 16v Twinport, du05nrl, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, power steering, radio, child locks, head restraints, fully trimmed load compartment, dipping rear view mirror, twin sunvisors, front passenger under fascia storage shelf, interior courtesy lights, four adjustable face level air vents, side window demist vents, air recirculation system, air blend heater/4 speed fan/illuminated doors, light tank located ahead of rear axle, deformation zones front and rear, reinforced passenger safety cell, energy absorbing steering column, height adjustable inertia rear front seatbelts, heated rear window, 4 speakers, laminated windscreens, white front turn indicators, tailgate pushlock, anti submarine front seats, body coloured electricdoor mirrors, illumination of load area, digital clock, lights on warning, freeheeling door locks, roof mounted aerial, front seatbelt pretensioners, rear counter, tinted glass, high level brake light, cupholders, two speed windscreens wipers, trip odometer, security code protection for audio, date and audio display, front and rear door pockets, tailgate assist struts, 3 spoke steering wheel, centre console storage, height adjustable front headrests, body colour door handles, side impact door beams, pollen filter, intermittent windscreens wipers, rear window wash/wipe, front seatbelt force limiters, side protection mouldings, outside temperature display with ice warning, 60/40 asymmetric split folding rear seat, accessory socket, clear headlight covers, flush fitting exterior door handles, glovebox with lid, body coloured bumpers, pedal release system, electronic headlamp levelling, rds eon with traffic programme, passenger survivor with covered vanity mirror, storage in outer sides of front seats, full size steel spare wheel, 3 point rear seatbelts x3, alloy effect interior door handles, alloy effect gear knob insert, gloss chrome interior door handles, black tailgate handle, front and rear towing rings, lockable fuel cap, removable load compartment cover, full length centre console with drinks holder, burst-proof door locks, passenger assist handles, gold, 20000 miles, £3995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

AGILA, Club 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, steel silver, 10450 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, moroccan blue, 5150 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Club 1229cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, moroccan blue, 5150 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1229cc 5 door, 2010, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, lemon grass, 1350 miles, £3945, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, lemon grass, 1350 miles, £3945, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, moroccan blue, 1266 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Club 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, steel silver, 3900 miles, £3995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 5dr, lx09ugn, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, power steering, air conditioning, roof rails, child locks, head restraints, air conditioning, tinted glass, front seatbelt pretensioners, roof mounted aerial, digital clock, height adjustable inertia rear front seatbelts, energy absorbing steering column, reinforced passenger safety cell, deformation zones front and rear, fuel tank located ahead of rear axle, heated rear window, 4 speakers, anti submarine front seats, laminated windscreens, pollen filter, front and rear door pockets, date and audio display, security code protection for audio, trip odometer, centre console storage, height adjustable front headrests, side impact door beams, intermittent windscreens wipers, rear window wash/wipe, two speed windscreens wipers, tailgate pushlock, white front turn indicators, twin sunvisors, dipping rear view mirror, fully trimmed load compartment, front passenger under fascia storage shelf, interior courtesy lights, four adjustable face level air vents, side window demist vents, air recirculation system, air blend heater/4 speed fan/illuminated controls, lights on warning, freeheeling door locks, tailgate assist struts, body coloured electricdoor mirrors, rear counter, high level brake light, cupholders, outside temperature display with ice warning, 60/40 asymmetric split folding rear seat, 3 spoke steering wheel, side protection mouldings, rds eon with traffic programme, front seatbelt force limiters, glovebox with lid, full size steel spare wheel, accessory socket, flush fitting exterior door handles, chrome gear knob, removable load compartment cover, full length centre console with drinks holder, electronic headlamp levelling, illumination of load area, keys left in ignition warning, rear door door locks, passenger assist handles, fully trimmed passenger compartment, storage in outer sides of front seats, clear headlight covers, rigid loadspace cover, black tailgate handle, front and rear towing rings, body coloured bumpers, double din audio fascia, pedal release system, passenger survivor with covered vanity mirror, chrome effect interior door handles, exterior chrome door handles, 3 point rear seatbelts x3, blue, 5000 miles, £9495, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

AGILA, Club 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, moroccan blue, 5150 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

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AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power steering twin airbags, blue, 47000 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats twin airbags remote central locking roof bars, star silver, 28727 miles, £5480, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags remote central locking, peacock, 4896 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power steering twin airbags, blue, 47000 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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ANTARA, E 1991cc 5 door, 2010, cd player alloy wheels central locking approved driver's airbag multiple electric windows, placid grey, 3500 miles, £1895, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ANTARA, E 1991cc 5 door, 2008, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, slate blue, 18100 miles, £12955, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SXi 1666cc 3 door, 2007, central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, star silver, 40675 miles, £8795, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Breeze 1364cc 5 door, 2008, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, silver lightening, 10700 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SXi 1598cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, panacotta, 12625 miles, £9995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Breeze 1686cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, star silver, 14100 miles, £10495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Design 1796cc 5 door, 2007, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, silver lightening, 22190 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SRI 1998cc 3 door, 2005, cd player central locking driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, black sapphire, 22250 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

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WE have tales of two great Kent and Folkestone-based institutions – Silver Spring soft drinks and holiday specialist Saga.

Silver Spring crashed last September, but has been reborn and now looks set to add considerably to its 140 years in business – its new boss Neill Cotton is not even ruling out acquisitions.

On the other hand, Saga – a more recent Folkestone success story and still highly profitable – is now weighed down by enormous overall debts incurred by a marriage to the AA.

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Rough economy threatens cross-Channel ferry jobs

By **STEVE LOADER & MATTHEW BEECH**

HUNDREDS of jobs in Dover could be at risk as two ferry companies battle to stay afloat against rivals and Eurotunnel.

LD Lines has said it will axe one ship on its Boulogne route and has not ruled out removing the remaining one, while a leaked memo shows that P&O Ferries – the biggest player on the Dover-Calais route – is looking for budget cuts.

Both companies blame a tough post-recession trading environment and competition from Eurotunnel, which is keen to make up lost ground after a disastrous fire in the tunnel itself in late 2008.

Signs of crisis on the ferries have already been seen after P&O and its two biggest rivals, Norfolkline and SeaFrance, joined forces to attack Dover Harbour Board (DHB) plans to privatise the port.

In an unusual show of solidarity, the trio vented their anger after DHB announced it would be upping ferry charges on top of the £60 million the operators had donated towards a new ferry terminal.

The ferry lines followed up by breaking off talks with port managers, which they called “a meaningless waste of time”, and taking their complaints direct to new shipping minister Mike Penning, who promptly ordered a cooling off period and re-examination of DHB's plans; this ends next Friday, August 27 and has gathered even greater importance as pressure on the ferries becomes clearer.



TROUBLED WATERS: Both P&O Ferries and LD Lines are faced with making cuts to staffing

As it moved to slim its operations LD Lines said in a statement: “Like all other ferry operators on the Dover Strait, LD Lines is experiencing a very depressed market, tough trading environment and the aggressive pricing policy from Eurotunnel, all affecting volumes.”

“The market needs to rectify supply and demand balance to have a chance of becoming profitable again and ensure long-term survival of the ferry industry, particularly across the Dover Strait.”

Pressures

Meanwhile, job fears were sparked at P&O by the chief executive Helen Deeble memo to staff with news of a company budget review.

“Trading remains tough right around the business,” she said.

“Our industry is still in the grip of strong recessionary pressures and our belief is that it is going to take a very long time before things

return to normal. As a result, all of our sectors are struggling at present.

“This attack, in the form of a price war, emanates primarily from Eurotunnel, which has slashed its freight rates to win back the market share it lost to us after the tunnel fire in the autumn of 2008.

“The squeeze also applies to our Short Sea tourist business, where ferry competitors with lower costs than ours are constantly reducing their prices. “This all means we are being forced to reduce costs throughout the business in order to be able to compete.

“It is therefore important I highlight to you that our current performance is of serious concern and is going to require urgent attention.”

Ironically, work is currently under way to remove a World War One blockship from near the western entrance to Dover docks, mostly to improve access for larger ferries that P&O hopes to start operating on the Calais route later this year.

Finance options getting better – at a price

LOCAL BUSINESSES NEED TO UNDERSTAND OR CHECK THE FOLLOWING WHEN TRYING TO GET FINANCE IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE, SAYS THE ICAEW

Banks are more risk-averse and demand greater visibility of business performance

Banks want an open and honest relationship that can help resolve a business's problems

Assess your business's risk profile and how you might improve it

If refused finance, or the terms offered are unacceptable, consider appealing to a higher level in the bank hierarchy

Shop around – be aware of what other banks might offer

Finance is now more expensive in terms of interest margins, arrangement fees and monitoring costs

Consider raising more equity finance as an alternative to or supplement debt finance

Good financial management should focus on tying up less working capital for any level of business activity

BANKS and other lenders are keeping credit lines open to businesses in Kent and the South East, but exacting a higher price and putting clients under pressure.

That is the underlying message from the accountants' body, the ICAEW, and undermines claims that the banking sector has followed alleged reckless lending ahead of recession by all but turning off credit supply.

But the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) said local firms are having to pay more to finance their debts, even if those who do apply for funding are mostly successful.

Understandably though, says the group, most are reluctant to take on more debt and are either trying to manage or prune costs or meet their needs through existing debt facilities.

Of businesses surveyed across the region, 58 per cent of those renewing an existing debt facility over the past year say they are paying higher interest rates than before and, significantly, were sub-

jected to higher arrangement fees when re-financing their facility.

Worryingly though, 29 per cent of businesses report pressure in the past 12 months as their lender tries to alter their main debt facility – usually the terms.

But the accountants say businesses have mostly heeded the warnings of the recession and taken firmer hold of finances – only 16 per cent had had to apply for new

borrowing in the last 12 months.

However, this could have long-term business implications, with 17 per cent of firms pruning growth plans because of the need to manage their external debt facility.

And the banks may also be harming their own growth options, with only 16 per cent of businesses needing to apply for a new external debt facility.

But at least the lenders are say-

ing ‘yes’ in most cases; 68 per cent of firms needing to refinance have been successful in their bid.

The ICAEW's regional spokesperson Fay Webster said: “The recession emphasised the importance of sound financial management.

“This financial discipline means there is now less demand by firms to extend their debt. This has also been influenced by having to pay a higher price for new debt facilities.”

Comment

THERE can be few interviews as fascinating and instructive from a business point of view as this week's big chat with the boss of Silver Spring, Neill Cotton.

First there is the rise and demise of what had been one of Kent's blue chip companies; a real innovator in its time, brought down by decisions and circumstances every bit as crucial as those that took it to the top in the first place.

And then came the moment when troubleshooter Cotton was parachuted into the wreckage to work out what business and jobs were worth saving.

It was a near textbook analysis and response.

Just 10 months on, Silver Spring is bubbling again and I say that after a tour around a plant that was almost lost; it is on such factory floor visits as much as management interviews upstairs that you get a feel for what is happening in a company.

And there was none of the sullen looks, shell shock or sloppiness that you see in a plant where morale and confidence is low. A visit to the new product development section also highlighted the extra fizz (sorry) about the place.

The mood there was not just "we're consolidating and doing what we do best" – laudable enough after Silver Spring's near death experience – but more "let's get back to pushing the envelope like we used to do".

Tellingly, Neill Cotton was also loathe to be labelled a troubleshooter; you get the impression that here is a bloke who has enjoyed some rescue missions, but has now found a place to settle down and give full rein to his experience.

Silver Spring will be in the news again – for the best reasons.

IT was also interesting to see contrasting views of private equity firms this week – the Silver Spring story so far casts the breed in a positive light, but we have also seen with developments at Saga how they can attract accusations of selfishness.

Fact is Saga became, and continues to be, a profitable Kent success story now endangered from outside by a classic example of the takeover hysteria and preposterous lending culture that shows the Noughties at their worst.

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Hospice says heat is on in the charity shop sector

DEMEZLA Hospice Care for Children is radically modernising its shops in a bid to inject a further £1 million into fundraising.

The charity, which provides care for 600 children with terminal illnesses across Kent and the South East now needs around £7 million each year – the average cost per hour for care is £35 and a one-day stay at a Demelza hospice is £850.

The move also follows a toughening of the charity shop sector, though Demelza head of retail operations Claire Jordan denied that it was inspired by media shop guru Mary Portas's recent Mary – Queen of Charity Shops BBC TV documentary series.

"The recession has brought some new customers to our shops, which we of course welcome, but the pressure comes from a different direction," Claire said.

"As people are generally trying to save money, we are seeing a drop in both the level and quality of donations to our shops. This will, of course, have an impact on our sales."

"The new look wasn't driven by the recent series Mary – Queen of Charity Shops, but rather by a general upgrade being adopted within the charity sector itself and the desire to offer our customers a better shopping experience."

But she added: "I did see the show and it was very interesting; hopefully, it will encourage people to give us better quality donations and also to think about shopping with us. One of the 'tips' in the show was about offering premium clothing under a different label. This is something Demelza had already piloted under the label 'The Demelza Collection' and some-



DIGGING DEEP: Demelza hopes to raise £1m through its shops this year

thing we are keen to continue with."

The new Demelza shops' initiative includes the installation of an EPOS (electronic point of sale) sales and stock control system, and a loyalty card scheme together with two further shops and a range of new stock.

Claire added that despite the economy downturn, the shops had maintained profitability and justified the investment and more vigorous pursuit of the potential revenue.

Distribution

She said: "Every penny we make is invested back into our hospice and care services so it's a vitally important income. We are aiming to raise in excess of one million pounds a year."

"With the new (EPOS) system we will be able to track both donated and new stock which will give us the opportunity to claim 28 pence in every pound back in gift aid on everything we sell. We will also be able to link the Demelza lottery into the sys-

tem and run a loyalty card system."

"Linking the loyalty card to EPOS will enable people to see how their donations are going and how much money they have raised. That's quite a powerful tool and we hope it will encourage people to keep donating and returning to Demelza."

"At the moment we sell clothes, bric-a-brac, greetings cards and books, but we plan to introduce furniture, electrical goods, stationery, gifts and vintage clothing to our range."

Demelza has 13 shops around the South East including Herne Bay, Whitstable, Hythe, Strood, West Wickham, Sheerness and Sittingbourne – where the main distribution warehouse is located. The shops rely almost completely on volunteers, with more than 400 giving up free time to support the hospice.

Two further shops are scheduled to open in Hailsham and Rainham.

For more information visit www.demelza.org.uk.

Planning go-ahead is just cool for CATS

HOBBS Parker Property Consultants, working with Clague Architects, has gained planning permission for the expansion of CATS College, Canterbury.

CATS (Cambridge Arts and Technology) is a long established sixth form college offering International Baccalaureate, A-Levels and university foundation courses.

The new teaching and accommodation block has been designed to fit a restricted site yet will provide 46 residential rooms for students along with 3,000 sq feet of teaching space. It also creates a central focal point or 'heart' for the college. Traditional, local building materials are to be used in fresh ways, says the developer.

Sustainable technologies have also been incorporated, including solar gain

and solar shading, natural ventilation and solar panels sited on a sedum roof.

Hobbs Parker and its Canterbury-based architect partners previously staged a consultation exhibition to allow public comment on the scheme.

David Jarman – director of Hobbs Parker Property Consultants – said: "The application proposals have evolved through ongoing negotiations with the local planning authority, and we are very pleased that the proposals have had a very positive response, leading to the planning committee decision to grant approval, in accordance with the officer's recommendation."

Phase one of the building should start at the end of this year, with students moving in next September. Phase two is due for completion late 2013.

Moore merrier for award nomination

ONE of Debenhams' senior managers has been shortlisted for a top retail industry award.

Peter Moore, from Beke-sbourne near Canterbury, is head of retail services at the department store chain's London head office and one three nominees for Retail Ambassador of the Year at the Skillsmart Retail Rising Stars Awards, run by Retail Week.

Retail ambassadors are people at all levels of retail who give up their time to talk to schools and colleges around the country about the benefits of a career in retail and inspire them to enter the sector.

Peter was nominated due to many events he has

participated in, plus good feedback and relationships he has generated.

He will be at an awards ceremony in London on September 8 attended by



TOPS: Mr Moore

top names in retail, including Dragons' Den star and chairman of Ryman, Theo Paphitis, who will present the awards. Peter said: "I've been involved with work-related learning for more than 20 years, from work experience to the Young Enterprise programme. I'm passionate about engaging with young people and inspiring them to work in retail. The 'light bulb' moment, when you see that you've changed someone's mind about retail, is what drives me."



WHAT do the Audi TT, VW Golf and Fiat 500 all have in common?

According to Business Car Manager – the online automotive magazine for small companies – they are the best business cars in their respective sectors.

Along with eight others – the Ford Fiesta, Skoda Yeti, Skoda Superb, Ford S-Max, Mini Cooper S, BMW 3 and 5-Series and Audi A5 Cabriolet – they were voted tops for company owners and their staff hunting that elusive blend of desirability and good running costs.

SAVILLS has been appointed by East Kent Opportunities (EKO) as property agents on the marketing and development of Manston Business Park in Thanet.

A Savills spokesman said the firm would work closely with Locate in Kent – Kent and Medway's investment promotion agency – to market the site to potential industrial, warehousing and office tenants.

EKO's executive director David Evans said: "EKO views Manston Business Park as a tremendous employment opportunity for the local area and a key part of Thanet's regeneration strategy."

His organisation is a joint venture between Kent County Council and Thanet District Council that owns Manston Business Park – formerly Kent International Business Park – and totalling 27 hectares next to the Kent International Airport and already home to Avia Services, Cohlne (UK), Cummins Power Generation and Invicta Produce.

FLUENT French-speaking Kent lawyer Sarah Bogard is to run seminars at A Place in the Sun, the popular exhibition at the NEC Birmingham from October 1-3.

Sarah, a partner at Kent law firm Furley Page will talk about her speciality – legal issues related to buying and selling properties in France – and is joined by native French-speaking colleague Florence Richards, a French property and tax adviser.

A Place in the Sun is closely linked to Channel Four's programme of the same name and attracts thousands of visitors to twice-yearly events in London and Birmingham.

HAMWORTHY – a world leader in the design and manufacturer of fluid handling systems for the shipping industry – is opening an office in Dover.

It will house Hamworthy Krystallon, which has pioneered gas scrubber development as a commercially viable alternative to other costly technologies designed to help ships comply with new International Maritime Organisation emissions regulations.

The firm says it will tap into the Dover area's deep pool of talent in the marine industry – Hamworthy Krystallon's chief Sigurd Jenssen said the channel port had been "the natural choice" for the new base.

It also hopes to uphold a long-running relationship with Dover-based P&O Ferries; the line's Pride of Kent was one of the first ships to use Hamworthy Krystallon's innovative technology.

Saga marriage faces danger of AA breakdown

HOLIDAY specialist Saga's marriage to the Automobile Association roadside recovery giant is in danger of breakdown, *writes Steve Loader.*

Kent-based Saga – which markets itself as 'doing things properly' – was wedded to the AA three years ago at the height of the buyout and takeover boom when lending was still cheap.

With both firms in private equity hands already – Charterhouse owning Saga and CVC running the AA – a 'super deal' was then put together also involving fellow private equity big-hitter, Permira, to create a new vehicle under the Acromas name and with a combined value of £6.15 billion.

Unfortunately, despite a strong sales performance and an operating profit of £183 million by both brands in the year up to January 31, that holding company has now posted a staggering loss of £529m and has total debts estimated at 11 times operating profit.

The root of the problem is servicing the debts incurred through the Saga/AA buyout, which has accounted for £705m over that year.

Unions within both firms are also reportedly unhappy about the pressure the mega-deal – which had valued Saga at £2.28bn and the AA at £3.35bn – was putting on salaries and staff pensions.

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Staff claim wages in both companies have fallen by an average of six per cent over the past year.

And GMB union national officer, Paul Maloney, has been widely quoted saying: "Private equity always wants to pay no one but themselves."

"And it's the workforce here that suffers."

The comment follows a history of simmering unrest, particularly on the AA side, after the original CVC deal led to cuts in AA staff and patrol cover and to a nationwide debate about the real motives of private equity firms: the future of companies and jobs or a quick profit take.

That question will be asked again after it was revealed that, despite the firm's huge losses, Acromas boss Andrew Goodsall earned £1.47m over the year – only slightly down on the previous year.

Saga has a landmark headquarters overlooking the sea at Sandgate near Folkestone.

Generous digital firm recognised for training role

WEB management firm GForces has been commended by Kent's Education Business Partnership (EBP) for helping to prepare the county's young people for roles in the UK digital economy.

The Bearsted firm has also earned an EBP certificate for 'outstanding employer contribution' and 'exceptional support in assisting the young people of Kent'.

Executive director, Anne McNulty, said: "GForces has been very generous in hosting students from Maidstone schools who are interested in IT and considering the sector for their future careers."

"To see a company being so generous with its time and expertise is humbling; they are a leading example amongst employers."

GForces works closely with the Cornwallis Academy – a modern secondary school in Maidstone – and Kent Works, an umbrella organisation across various schools in the county and offers pupils first-class work experience placements.

GForces also liaises with local universities and managing director Giles Smith said: "Investment in Kent's young people is a responsibility we take seriously and are therefore delighted our on-site training programme has been acknowledged so positively. It is clear from the feedback received that on-site training inspires and benefits students' development far more than traditional training methods."

GForces was recently granted planning permission to expand its site on Caring Lane in Bearsted. This incorporates an open-plan office, meeting and training rooms, staff bistro, and new digital media suite.

It also means room for 50 full-time staff and up to 50 work placement and work experience students from local schools and colleges.

Gabby 'comes home' to John Lewis Home store

RETAIL giant John Lewis has gone local to find a branch manager for its new John Lewis at Home store in Tunbridge Wells.

Gabby Armstrong lives in the town and will take the reins at the outlet off Longfield Road this autumn.

Gabby, 36, brings more than 12 years' experience as a John Lewis partner – as staff are known – and will lead a newly-created team of 190.

She said: "I'm very proud to be involved in this exciting new format for John Lewis and introduce the 'at home' concept to my home town of Tunbridge Wells."

"Focusing exclusively on furniture, homeware, furnishing accessories and electrical and home technology, the new John Lewis at Home shop is the perfect way to bring the brand and its values to customers in the area."

"I am confident shoppers will be delighted by our quality assortment that includes products from leading London designers such as Orla Kiely, Designer's Guild, Clarissa Hulse and Sir Terence Conran."

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HOME GIRL: Gabby Armstrong

She grew up in Newcastle where her father owned a chain of independent carpet shops and her mother ran an antiques shop, both helping her learn core skills in retail, service and customer care.

After a degree in pharmacology at King's College, London, Gabby joined the John Lewis graduate scheme in 1998, and has since held various management positions, including selling operations manager at John Lewis Bluewater.



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'My Business Week...'

By MATTHEW EDWARDS, sales director of Swale Heating, the South East's largest independent heating company

MONDAY: Grab hard hat and head to a site meeting at our renewable energies project.

Swale Heating is one of a select number of companies chosen by the Government to measure the effectiveness of new 'green' fuel technology and home energy-saving measures. It's cutting-edge science, and this project is the first to assess the overall energy savings.

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This project will put our staff at the forefront of groundbreaking technology and business innovation.

TUESDAY: Meet with our operations director to discuss our new training centre. We employ more than 400 staff and are expanding so it's vital we invest in new training tools. The facility at our Sittingbourne HQ will be ready in September, so it's time to start planning a launch event and publicity.

WEDNESDAY: Catch up on emails from the area representative of the Gas Safe Register. This is the new national listing for all gas engineers and ensures their work is safe and legal. We urge the public to check a gas engineer is accredited, but many don't and tragically there are

still accidents caused by unsafe, untrained installers. We're backing the register's latest safety campaign Better Gas Safe Than Sorry.

This afternoon received documentation from housing group Affinity Sutton confirming our service contract for 12,000 properties.

Great news and certainly puts our company contracting figures well above 100,000 mark.

THURSDAY: Spent the morning at our advertising agency approving our Sussex TV campaign. From September we will service homes and businesses in Sussex so it's been a busy time overseeing recruitment and a new office set up.

Brainstorming with our PR team this afternoon. It's my chance to update them and get feedback: two big contract wins, completion of the training centre and progress on the renewables project. They suggest inviting Sittingbourne's MP Gordon Henderson to open the centre. We also agree on a feature about home heating tips and energy saving in the winter.

FRIDAY: Review this week's figures and prepare for today's board meeting. Lunch, and just time to visit the team at a shopping centre promotional stand. Briefed the board on developments and add some 'new energy' facts such as 'if every household in the country installed a high-efficiency boiler, the energy saved would be enough to heat and power almost two million homes.' Probably just set next year's sales target...



Putting the fizz back after Silver Spring went pop

AFTER 130 years of fizz, things went flat for Silver Spring last September.

The once bubbly Folkestone soft drinks firm owed £30 million and, in a sector known for big volumes and low margins, even an annual turnover of £45m was unlikely to claw that back without drastic action.

When the firm's bank called in proven troubleshooter Neill Cotton last summer he found consistent losses over five years, although the company had just recorded its best ever sales for July.

Cotton said: "In many cases the company just hadn't been tough enough – Silver Spring was being bullied from both ends, by customers and by suppliers."

The firm had also fallen into a classic trap of high volume own label business with big retailers.

"You risk being busy fools; it's one of those great management idioms: volume is vanity – profit is sanity," he said. "In its last full year the company had a turnover of £45m – £10m was loss-making. We were losing a penny a bottle on some discount retailer/own label business."

"Two of the sector's big players are eight-10 times bigger than us and do that stuff really efficiently, but it doesn't play to our strengths; it doesn't need to be our spring water – it can be mains water; it doesn't need our natural flavourings – it can be artificial flavourings."

The company was also trying to do too much in-house rather than subcontracting out and concentrating on core business.

"We tried to do our own haulage when there are people who specialise in that; we had our own garage repairing our own vehicles and forklift trucks; we had our own toolrooms so that we could machine replacement parts for the plant."

It faced just two options, he said: "One was liquidation; 240 people lose their jobs, suppliers lose any opportunity to trade on with Silver Spring, the brands vanish and the bank sells all physical assets."

The chosen alternative was a 'pre-pack administration' in which a new company set-up was agreed with the administrator even before Silver Spring was declared insolvent on September 17.

He described it as "a blunt instrument", understandably unpopular with creditors as their invoices were flushed away with the old company and a new solvent concern put in its place.

But he added: "It was the old management that lost that money and this was the only way possible to save this business. Ten months on and we

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NEVER mind the might of Coca-Cola, Britvic and other top of the pops brands, because Kent has its own pop star.

And the name Silver Spring is not marketing spin either, because the business is genuinely founded on a natural spring filtered through the famous chalk downs outcropping at the White Cliffs of Dover.

But this innovative Folkestone firm so nearly died last September after what new managing director **NEILL COTTON** describes as 'a tragedy of errors'.

Business editor **STEVE LOADER** spoke to him about the surgery before what has now become a speedy recovery



NEILL COTTON

have a track record of paying every supplier on time under the new business, a strong balance sheet and negligible debt."

The speedy restructuring was also vital in a sector ruled by big retailers, he said.

NEILL COTTON'S CV

Born in Lancashire, but raised in Kent where he attended the Rochester Math School, he achieved an MA (Hons) in philosophy, politics and economics at Exeter College, Oxford.

He has since built up wide-ranging drinks and retail experience, notably in the Far East in various marketing and management roles with the Jardine Matheson group.

In 2001 he founded the Atlas Brewery in Glencoe, Scotland, and while there was short-listed as the Institute of Directors' Scottish director of the year.

More recently, he has worked as both an in-house and freelance turnaround consultant leading to his appointment last July as Silver Spring MD.

He lives near Maidstone, where his wife Clare is a doctor.

the first a customer knows is a call from me saying, 'Hello this is the new owner of Silver Spring. This is the process we've just had to go through and we can guarantee continuity of supply'."

And he is quick to praise the company's private equity backers, Privet Capital. He accepts that private equity concerns have a reputation for picking up ailing firms for a song and then selling on for big profits, but points out that Privet had looked at some 200 firms since being established a year ago, yet bought into just three – suggesting that it was more than a 'fast buck' operation.

It is also clear he hates being linked with sharp practice.

"I need to be able to look anybody in the eye," Cotton said.

And nowhere was this clearer than in managing redundancies in a loyal work force.

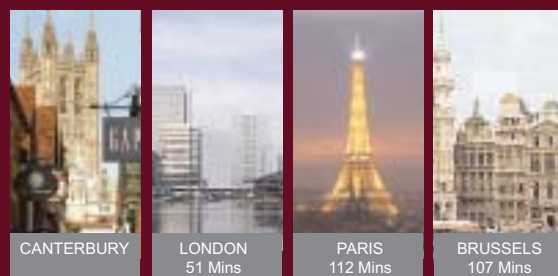
He said: "Many have parents who worked here before them. They have understood the need for change and that not all of that is going to be fun."

"I took the difficult decision to stand up in front of the entire Silver Spring team on December 18 to announce the redundancy process and the financial reasons behind it."

"I could have kept that secret until the process started on January 5, but that's not how I work."

"Yes, the timing was dreadful, but it's never going to be good for a process like this, and at the end of that presentation, two factory colleagues stood up and said, 'Thank you for having the courage to tell us before Christmas; it can't be easy for you', which was

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incredibly big of them, but also shows how we are trying to develop the right kind of corporate culture in Silver Spring."

He then brought in a top human resources advisor and jobs were found for most of the redundant employees who wanted other work.

The full-time work force of 242 last September was cut to 181, though this has risen to 190 with marketing and sales appointments aimed at getting the brands back on the move.

Silver Spring now has a turnover of £35m and is in profit after saving £2m in procurement alone and resigning loss-making business except where it might jeopardise relations with valued customers and profitable deals in other areas of the business, which he calls the "best independent drinks company in Britain."

He says its secret weapon is the nearby spring itself, a geological quirk, gathering calcium-laden water from the chalk mass that is East Kent before collecting in a natural sump just north of Folkestone.

The Victorians saw its commercial potential and built tunnels and reservoirs to gather the healthy water, piped into the 13-acre Silver Spring plant at Park Farm.

The company grew fast after World War Two, absorbing Harris of Hythe and Bings of Canterbury, the latter having also taken over Robins of Canterbury and Margate. All were familiar names on traditional marble-top fizzy drink bottles, where the sound of breaking the marble seal led to the expression 'bottles of pop'.

Acquisition was followed by mid-80s innovation when the company boss decreed that glass and cans were old hat.

Twice the company's annual turnover was then borrowed to install the UK's first plastic bottling line, trumping the sector's national players.

The firm then more or less invented the flavoured water market with Perfectly Clear.

A revamp for Perfectly Clear is now under way and Cotton plans the same with its upmarket mixers range, 1870 – branding that echoes the original company's year of founding – while hinting at all-new products.

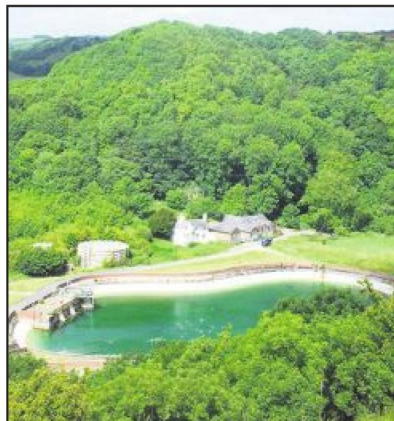
He also has a shrewd eye on consumer concern about the environment and 'food miles' – the impact of trucking drinks over huge distances – and is happy to point out that key rivals in bottled waters are based in the Scottish Highlands and the Pyrenees.

He added: "We are the closest commercially-sized spring to half the UK population and maintain a recycled content in our bottles as high as the supply chain allows."

"We have also gone from sending 26 loads to landfill each week to just one in 10 months... and we've had quite a lot else to do in that time."



WELL: There really is a Silver Spring and this is one of the reservoir lakes (below) above Folkestone where the water is piped to the Park Farm plant



What happens when the company is fully back on track though – will the troubleshooting instinct make him restless?

Cotton said: "If it's about doing a reliable job of growing the business by three per cent each year then that's not me," he admitted.

"But if we can develop new brands and get into new categories, look at new lines, if there continue to be really big challenges, then I would be happy to stay here for the medium term. I don't see this as a quick bit of financial engineering or sharp-suited management jargon before moving onto the next thing."

And he did not rule out a return to Silver Spring's old acquisitive ways.

"We have Privet Capital behind us and I would love Silver Spring be a focus for consolidation again."

"For now, I'm 50 per cent delighted and 50 per cent frustrated at where we are today, but we can't fix five years of under investment and under management in just a few short months," Cotton added.

NEILL'S TOP TIPS

- **COMMUNICATE:** "When businesses get into trouble they tend not to share information. They get embarrassed and family businesses tend to be the worst at sharing information. I felt there was a big communication gap when I arrived here." His remedy was to write a weekly email and notice board bulletin without fail, explaining the pluses and minuses of the previous week.
- **STICK TO WHAT YOU DO BEST:** Silver Spring strayed too far away from its core business of making soft drinks and bottled waters. "It did not need to be repairing its own fork lift trucks," said Cotton.
- **KEEP ON TOP OF SUPPLIERS:** "We've cut our annual electricity bill by three-quarters of a million pounds. The old company was not clever in procurement; in those funny days of September, 2008, when the oil price hit \$250 a barrel for a few days and energy prices spiked, it managed to tie itself into an electricity contract for three years."

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No time to rest in the beds trade

OPENING a store in Maidstone has underlined the success of a sales format hammered out some 30 years ago by Beaumont Beds' partners Eddie Friend and Bob Feeney.

It was in Maidstone that the pair were already running separate firms – Bob ran a carpet shop and Eddie was an international furniture buyer – when they hatched the plan for what has become a 19-store business.

They saw a gap in the market for a complete bed service:

advice and guidance, top designs at low prices, delivery within 24 hours where possible and installation engineers to assemble when required.

They also commissioned an eye-catching 'night owl' logo from local designer Alan Reading that could work at an inch-high on the stationery and eight-feet high on the huge delivery vehicles needed for their chosen sector.

Starting in Lewisham, Beaumont has expanded across the South East and Eddie Friend

attributed success to listening to customers and rapid response to market changes.

He said: "It is no good taking a success and just continuing the formula; change is the only thing that we can rely on."

"We feel we are absolutely the optimum size of company; big enough to buy in bulk from all over the world, always focused on the best new designs from the best brands, but small enough to respond quickly to changing fashion and customer demands."



A DONE DEAL: NatWest's Jeremy Keeler (left) with Fox managing director Kevin Stanton

Stamp of approval for print firm's cash hunt

By **STEVE LOADER**

FOX Printing Services of Tunbridge Wells has landed a £750,000 refinancing package with the NatWest group.

The print firm was founded in Paddock Wood by Kevin Stanton in November 2001 with just five staff, fulfilling Mr Stanton's dream to run his own business.

By 2005, it had moved to Tunbridge Wells and a 15,000 sq ft premises, re-worked to allow even more of the expansion that won Mr Stanton an Entrepreneur Award at the 2007 BPFI Printing Awards.

However, maintaining such momentum and success up to national level has required further investment in technology, leading to the £750k refinance from Lombard and a switch to NatWest for the company's banking.

Fox Print managing director Kevin

Stanton said: "I firmly believe our technology offering on a local and national scale is at the forefront of the market."

"With an annual turnover of £6 million and recognition as a good local employer in Tunbridge Wells – boasting a team of nearly 50 people with sound industry knowledge – we continue to win contracts with blue-chip operators. With Lombard and NatWest now on board I believe our working partnership will enhance the long-term business strategy we require to grow the business further."

Jeremy Keeler, relationship manager at NatWest, added: "We have provided a refinance package that will assist the business with working capital at a time it is required to drive the business forward."

Going Barking Mad a wise move

SALLY Hall wanted a business to run from her home in Gillingham and ended up joining Barking Mad – a homecare alternative to kennelling.

She had worked as a marketing manager for a City commercial property firm, but yearned for a change of direction.

"For many years I've harboured a desire to work with animals and at long last my dream has been realised," said Sally.

"I'm now able to combine my love of dogs with running my own business. I really enjoy meeting like-minded people and being able to solve their pet care dilemmas, it gives

me a tremendous amount of job satisfaction."

"They say the best part about being a grandparent is that you have all the fun before handing the grandchildren back, and Barking Mad is the canine equivalent," added Sally, who runs the Barking Mad Maidstone, Medway and Sittingbourne areas.

Barking Mad founder Lee Southern, developed her enterprise out of sheer frustration when she failed to find suitable care for her own dog and realised that some pet owners simply did not take breaks and holidays if it meant leaving their pets behind, expanding the service from her base in Lancashire.

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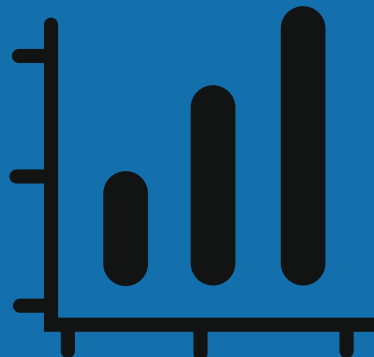
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Insulate against VAT chiller this winter...

PREDICTED by many, but delayed until January 4 next year, the new Government's plan to increase VAT to 20 per cent allows time to plan for its impact, writes Reeve and Neylan VAT specialist **TRACY BOOTH**.

Most will be familiar with the implications, having been through the increase from 15 to 17.5 per cent on January 1 this year. The new rate – nearer the EU average – will claim one sixth of a retailer's standard-rated gross takings and supposedly net the Government £1 billion per month.

The last few months of 2010 provide the opportunity to pre-empt the effects of the new rate, and minimise potential losses.

Here are some issues for businesses to consider in preparation:

TAX POINTS – ensure that you (and your staff) are clear on when a tax point occurs; this will decide the rate which applies.

Invoicing at 17.5 per cent may not be a huge issue for those with VAT-registered customers who can recover all the VAT they incur although there are still cash flow implications.

But others who cannot, such as certain charities, unregistered businesses and those unable to recover VAT in the health, education, financial and insurance sectors, will seek to benefit from the lower rate as far as possible. Invoicing/paying before the change may be beneficial, but be aware of:

ANTI-FORESTALLING REGULATIONS – these will restrict schemes that aim to apply the 17.5 per cent rate to goods or services supplied after January 3, 2011, by invoicing or paying in advance.

A supplementary VAT charge of 2.5 per cent will be payable where the customer cannot

recover all the VAT on a supply and any of the following conditions are met:

- supplier and customer are connected.
- supplier funds the purchase.
- payment is not due for at least six months.
- value of the supply is £100,000 or more, unless the prepayment or advance invoice is deemed to be 'normal commercial practice'.

These measures should not be a surprise as they are identical to those which covered the return from 15 per cent to 17.5 per cent in January.

CHARITIES, EXEMPT AND NON-VAT REGISTERED BUSINESSES – anyone who cannot recover the VAT they are charged and are considering making a capital investment may wish to bring forward their plans and benefit from a 2.5 per cent saving by buying at the 17.5 per cent rate.

For lesser purchases, any potential saving should be balanced against outlay; it will take expenditure of £1,000 to save £25.

ALLOW EXTRA TIME/RESOURCES TO MANAGE THE CHANGE – HMRC will not be lenient with errors related to the rate increase when we have already been through an increase recently and more than five months notice has been allowed.

The new penalty regime could mean harsher fines for inaccurate record keeping.

Ensure that you account for the increases in car fuel scale charges and flat rate scheme percentages which will be announced by HMRC in due course.

Always ensure that VAT is adjusted at the correct rate on credit notes issued after the increase, for supplies made before it – particularly pertinent for retailers post-Christmas and in the sales.

FLAT RATE SCHEME – businesses using it should consider reviewing whether they may be able to apply a category with a lower rate.

Those smaller businesses not using it may like to consider the potential savings through accounting for VAT at a lower rate as a percentage of total turnover, instead of accounting separately for all sales and purchases.

CASH ACCOUNTING – businesses with an expected annual turnover of under £1.35m suffering late or non-paying customers may help their cash flow by cash accounting; accounting for VAT only when they are paid, rather than on invoicing. Equally, VAT can only be recovered when payment is made for purchases.

BAD DEBT RELIEF – normally, if a debt is six months old (ie six months have elapsed since payment was due) and has been written-off into a 'refunds for bad debts' account, any VAT accounted for on it by a supplier can be recovered through their VAT return.

As some businesses struggle to cope with narrowing margins and a potential deepening recession, don't carry any more financial burden than necessary.

IMPORTERS – now may be a good time to review duty deferment levels. Simplified Import VAT Accounting (SIVA) may be a good option; it is a scheme that allows you to reduce the level of financial guarantee required to operate a duty deferment account for VAT purposes only.

This may mean cost of having a guarantee is reduced.



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Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 50 YEARS AGO: DIRECTORS at Gravesend & Northfleet were seriously concerned by an opening day crowd of just 2,690 for the visit of Cheltenham Town.

The Fleet won the Southern League fixture 4-2, but the gate was down from 3,432 for their opening game of 1959 and from over 4,000 for 1958.

Despite starting in a 4-0 win over Charlton's A team, Ted Tudor left Chatham Town after just one game, the former Gillingham forward opting to return to his native Liverpool.

Elsewhere, Wolverhampton Wanderers were monitoring Heme Bay striker Razzle, after he appeared for them in a trial game the previous season and a chastened Margate were licking their wounds after a team touted as the best ever assembled at Hartsdown Park, lost their first game of the season 5-0 to Ashford Town.

1985 25 YEARS AGO: GRAHAM Johnson broke his silence on his refusal to play for Kent against Yorkshire at Scarborough, in the wake of his release from the club.

"Bearing in mind the background this season, plus the fact the county have sacked me, I would have found it difficult to give 100 per cent, which I always have over the last 20 years," Johnson said.

"Obviously I have enjoyed playing for Kent for 20 years," he added. "There have been ups and downs, but there have been high spots most of the way. The only sad point is the way my career with Kent is finishing."

Beckenham-born Johnson took 567 first-class first wickets for Kent and scored 12,992 runs at an average of 24.51.

2000 10 YEARS AGO: KENT won one of the most enthralling four-day games of the modern era when they beat Hampshire by 15 runs at St Lawrence.

An unbeaten 134 from Paul Nixon, his highest first-class score, helped Kent post 323 all out in their first innings, and Martin Siggers (5 for 47) and David Masters duly skittled Hampshire for just 156, a first innings deficit of 167.

However, Shane Warne then took centre-stage, claiming 6 for 34 to reduce Kent to 146 all out in their second innings, with David Fulton's 48 the highest score.

At 220 for 4 Hampshire scented victory and although wickets continued to fall, the visitors were on 298 for 8, just 15 runs from their target when Martin McCague trapped Shaun Udall for 28.

Before a run could be added McCague bowled Alan Mullally to seal a memorable win.

By DAVID PRITCHARD

AFTER a torrid 18 months which had seen a promising golf career stalled by injuries, Dani Masters could have been forgiven for thinking the worst was behind her at the start of this season.

With a back injury healed and a card which allowed entry to a selection of events on the Ladies European Tour (LET), the 27-year-old looked ahead with optimism.

It came as a shock, therefore, to find out rock bottom still lay ahead. After missing the cut in her first tournament in April, Masters had to wait until June for her second LET outing, at the ABN AMRO Ladies Open in the Netherlands.

Rounds of 81 and 82 left the Maidstone golfer 19-over-par for the tournament, 124th out of the 124 players to complete two rounds.

Cried

"I have never been so upset and I don't get upset about golf, life is too short, but I literally came off the course, rode my bike home and I didn't eat for a couple of days," she said. "I just cried and cried, it was the lowest point in golf for me."

"To go and produce scores like that is embarrassing and soul destroying. I didn't know how to think, whether I should just quit, but I thought after all those hours that I put in freezing in the winter, I am not quitting."

Determined to carry on, the dismal performance at least served a purpose. Forced to critically analyse her approach,



MIND MATERS: Dani Masters felt psychological issues were to blame for a slump in form

'I didn't know whether I should quit'



Pictures: ADY KERRY

Golfer Dani Masters tells how decision to seek help from a sports psychologist to save her career has proved crucial

Masters arrived at a definitive conclusion.

She said: "I played my practice round and shot two-under, hit well on the range and that's when you've got to sit down and say it has to be psychological, it's got to be something in my head that's stopping me."

"I never thought that would happen to me, but to be honest if it hadn't and I'd just missed the cut, I would be in the same boat and I wouldn't have learnt from it."

Mentally battered and bruised by the experience in Broekpolder, Masters sought the help of sports psychologist Zoe Chamberlain.

Elite athletes in the majority of sports now use psychology to help improve performance, but golf seems more suited to it than most. With the physical demands rela-

tively tame compared to sports based on stamina, like cycling, success in golf relies on a calm and focused mind.

Although she had distrusted psychology in the past, Masters felt the benefits immediately. Less than a month after finishing last in the Netherlands, Masters rejoined the LET at the Tenerife Ladies Open. Although a tie for 42nd place looks modest, it marked a huge leap forward.

She said: "Having been out of tournament golf for so long it took a massive knock to my confidence as to whether I belonged out there again."

"I saw a psychologist two weeks before I went to Tenerife and the difference in my confidence on the course was there. I absolutely loved it and it gave me more motivation just to keep wanting to improve."

A share of 59th place followed at the S4C Wales Ladies Championship of Europe last weekend, giving hope of climbing the rankings in the autumn to earn a better card for next year.

Home advantage for Euro champ

REIGNING European water ski champion Damien Sharman is relishing the chance to defend his title in front of a home crowd this weekend.

The 31-year-old from Dartford is one of 150 top water skiers from 30 countries competing at the European Water Ski Championships, which finish on Sunday. Held at Thorpe in Surrey, it is the sport's highest profile event in the UK for 20 years.

The British jump team are so successful they are known as the 'British Air

Force' and will be looking for another big medals haul.

Sharman won gold at last year's water ski jump event and goes into the competition well placed for another medal, ranked second in Europe and fourth in the world.

He said: "It's a major buzz that the Europeans are being held in Great Britain, and makes it even more important that we go out there and win. The Europeans come round quickly and I'm not ready to let go of my title."

TITLE DEFENCE: Damien Sharman will try to retain his title in Surrey
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QUALIFYING: Naomi Cavaday aims to make the main draw for the US Open

Cavaday aiming for US Open spot

NAOMI Cavaday will look to put a disappointing run of results behind her next week in a bid to qualify for the main draw of the US Open.

After a good start to the year, including a win on clay in Italy which took the 21-year-old up to a career-best world ranking of 174 in May, the season has fallen away.

Her ranking has since slipped to 216 and the most recent outing, in Estonia earlier this month, ended with a first round defeat.

It could all change for the Sidcup-born player with a good performance in qualifying at Flushing Meadows next week, where there are 16 places in the first round draw up for grabs.

Cavaday has only played at a grand slam via a wildcard and has lost in singles qualifying for the first three major tournaments this year.

It will be the third time she has entered the US Open qualifying, where she reached the last 32 in 2007. The tournament begins on Tuesday.

Picture: ADY KERRY



IMPROVED: Chris Palmer says there is a more professional approach at Priestfield

Palmer praises Hess for change in Gills' attitude

IN-FORM Gillingham midfielder Chris Palmer believes Andy Hessenthaler has brought a new level of professionalism to the club since taking over as manager this summer.

Palmer, signed a year ago by Mark Stimson, featured regularly in the first half of last season, but his opportunities became fewer and far between. His last appearance came in February, watching the final few weeks of the season mainly as an unused substitute.

Relegation triggered the end of Stimson's stay at Priestfield and Palmer has relished the chance for a fresh start under Hessenthaler. After scoring four goals in an impressive pre-season, he started the club's first three games of the season.

He said: "It's been brilliant. I don't think there's anyone in the squad who can argue with it. The new gaffer has a different way of doing things.

"[Last season] I don't think it was as professional and as organised. It was everything really. Being punctual, just doing things the right way. You can't get away with some of the things you could last year. I'm not going to say anything bad about anyone because that's not me, but the way we're doing things now is more what I would do."

Palmer credits his form down to playing in a more advanced role this season. The versatile former Derby County trainee can play full-back or in midfield on either flank. He was predominantly used as a defender last season, but is happier playing further forward under Hessenthaler.

He said: "I've been given an opportunity this season and I think it's been beneficial to me and the side."

Bexley bid for Twenty20 cup

THE showpiece event of the club cricket calendar beckons for Bexley this afternoon as they fly the flag for Kent in the regional finals of the Cocksbur Twenty20 Cup.

Bexley have won through five rounds to reach this point and should they find a way past county winners from Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire, they will be one game away from the national finals at the Rose Bowl.

A group of 80 will travel with the team to Fulking, home of Sussex League side Preston Nomads as they bid to continue their best cup run for almost a decade.

Both semi-finals begin at 11.30am and Bexley will return for the final at 3pm if they can overcome the first hurdle. Bexley, who beat The Mote in the county final at Beckenham last month, are at full-strength having welcomed Kent second-team all-rounder Adam Ball back from England under-19 duty.

Breaking the bank

Concern clubs are spending their way into dire financial trouble despite recession

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

SOME football clubs are still living beyond their means in a bid to succeed, despite the clear dangers of getting into financial trouble.

It is not a recent phenomenon, as Maidstone United's collapse in 1992 shows, but the recession has brought problems to all but the most prudent of the county's clubs.

Margate, Folkestone Invicta and Ashford Town have all come within sight of their extinction during the current slump.

The latter stemmed from a boardroom dispute which saw new owner Tony Betteridge take the radical step this month of withdrawing the Nuts and Bolts from football this season to reorganise.

Administration

Welling United are the latest club to hit trouble. The Wings face a hearing, scheduled for later this month, after being served with a winding-up petition for money owed to HM Revenue & Customs.

Folkestone were in a similar position two years ago, when it was revealed they owed a six-figure sum in unpaid taxes. After a prolonged negotiation the Seasiders briefly went into administration to enter into a Company Voluntary Arrangement in February, which will see a proportion of the arrears repaid over five years.

Lynn Woods, who was appointed chairman of Invicta's new board, has spent months gradually beginning to restore the club's credibility. He is determined to run the Seasiders firmly within its means.



MONEY WORRIES: Folkestone Invicta (in amber) were close to financial ruin in 2008 and Dover chairman Jim Parmenter (left) says new regulations are needed to stop clubs folding

"There's a principle driving it that the club will not try to elevate itself to a position which it can't sustain financially," he said. "We recognise that inevitably what goes around comes around. Clubs at all levels will have lived beyond their means or gone with a flight of fancy investor, and you end up in trouble."

"You have only got to look at the financial disarray that even the biggest clubs have got themselves into. Portsmouth are the obvious example and it follows as sure as night follows day that if it's happening at the top it will be happening to a lesser degree down the pyramid. The ambitions are exactly the same."

In a bid to discourage irresponsible spending, the authorities have introduced ever stricter penalties for clubs that get into trou-

ble. Transfer embargoes and automatic relegations, rather than points penalties, are now in the weaponry of leagues.

Jim Parmenter is well aware of the dangers after rescuing Dover Athletic from closure in 2005. The Whites chairman welcomes the new tougher regulations and believes the industry must get its house in order, or be prepared to watch clubs fold.

He said: "I think people have been used to getting away with it for so long. When we took over, Dover Athletic were in all sorts of difficulty and looking around Kent you see the number of clubs in trouble."

"I have seen figures which show at least 30 per cent of clubs from the non-league structure are in some sort of financial difficulty and they are only the ones we know about."

Treddy's hopes of Ashes tour in doubt, fears Min



FORMER Kent spinner Min Patel has backed James Tredwell to get back in the international fold, but has raised doubts about whether he will be picked to tour Australia this winter.

Patel worked alongside the Kent off-spinner at the end of last season, but that has come to a halt due to budget restrictions at St Lawrence. He has, however, kept a keen eye on the spinner's progress and was a keen spectator as Tredwell made his Test debut against Bangladesh in March.

He said: "It's an awful thing to say but having played the last Test of an away series in Bangladesh, you're thinking 'when's he going to play his next Test?' They've got the Ashes coming up and they're not going to play two off-spinners at all there."

"Spinners need overs and Treddy's probably had a very sporadic season in terms of his volume of bowling, so I think that's half the reason why he had a slow start."

"He's a class act, though, he's proven that as an international off-spinner and if he gets the overs under his belt, he'll come back."

Patel also warned Kent supporters the club would continue to find life difficult in the County Championship until more money was dedicated to the playing budget.



Picture: ADY KERRY

TOUGH ASK: Min Patel says James Tredwell's hopes of adding to his international caps will be restricted due to England's spinner policy

He said: "Having spoken to the guys, there's a huge gulf between the two divisions in terms of playing standards and we knew it was going to be a battle due to lack of funds to add to the squad. In terms of four-day cricket, you need depth, you need five or six bowlers that can all come in and out."

TALKS A GOOD GAME

We meet the former top-flight Kent referee who says some TV football pundits don't have a clue



Interview with sports editor
GLENN PEARSON

AFTER more than a decade spent refereeing the multi-million pound 'superstars' in the Premier League, it's somewhat refreshing to hear that one of the lasting moments of Steve Bennett's career came officiating in the Kent League.

After 26 years as a referee, 11 of which were served at the very top in the Premier League, Bennett decided to call time on his career at the end of last season.

His achievements in the game include refereeing the first FA Cup final at the new Wembley between Chelsea and Manchester United in 2007 and the League Cup final at the Millennium Stadium in 2005.

Yet, asked to recall a memorable moment from his time with the whistle, there was one moment for Bennett, from Orpington, that sticks out like a sore thumb.

"I think one of the funniest moments – and I can laugh about it now, although it wasn't funny at the time – was when I refereed a game between Deal Town and Hythe Town," he said. "There was a player called Frank Ovard who was always a bit of a character and needed a bit of refereeing from time to time.

"I dismissed him in this game but he refused to leave the field of play so I held my ground and wasn't going to continue until he went. He finally left and at the end of the game we were all in our changing room and there was then a knock at the door and someone shouted ref, ref, ref, we've found a load of clothes in our showers, they're not yours are they?"

"We looked up and all our clothes had disappeared. I've no idea who did it, but in hindsight we laughed because at the time there was no lock on the changing room, but from then on that soon changed."

That wasn't the only thing the 49-year-old saw change during his time in the middle. The introduction of the back-pass rule, stricter ruling on tackling from behind and tweaks to the off-side rule have all been introduced in the last 20 years to help protect players, but more importantly speed the game up.

With footballers training on a daily basis and the attention on the sport going through the roof, inevitably the call for referees to turn full-time increased and in 2000, Bennett and his colleagues were among those Premier League referees to do just that.

That was an important time for Bennett, who had been trying to juggle his commitments as a school teacher with refereeing and travelling to grounds around the country.

It also gave referees the chance to train as

professional footballers would every day to ensure they were prepared for the pace of the Premiership, and was a natural step in the right direction.

"The benefits of being a full-time referee is that you can prepare far better," Bennett said. "The travelling around before was

ridiculous, now you wouldn't even contemplate getting in a car and driving home from a game, because like players you are physically and mentally drained. The introduction of going full-time had to come and you can't see that changing for the foreseeable future."

Criticism of referees has intensified since the introduction of the Premier League, which has brought increased media coverage. Some of that comes from managers and Bennett too has been the subject of public criticism from the likes of

Sunderland manager Steve Bruce and Avram Grant, while at Chelsea, in the past. Bennett says that didn't affect him and choosing not to have Sky or read newspapers everyday also

helped, but one thing that clearly rankles is misinformed football pundits.

"A lot of people do not know the laws of the game," he said. "If you gave a test to all of the players they wouldn't have a clue what the laws were, but they perceive they do and this is half the problem.

"It also doesn't help when you get pundits on the TV that have got absolutely no idea. There was an example at the weekend when Steve Claridge was on the Football League show. He said as soon as the referee blows his whistle the ball is live. That's absolute rubbish, the ball is only in play when it's been moved and that's a fundamental difference. People listen to that and will take that as the case. We need to educate people on this and the only way we can do that is through the media so people understand."

The introduction of technology in football has been a debatable point for some time, with some feeling it would take authority away from the match officials. Bennett, however, is in favour of the use of goal line technology, provided it is limited to just that and games should not be refereed by "the

man in the stand".

He said: "I don't think there is any reason why it shouldn't come in as long as there is a system in place where there is an immediate response to the referee as to whether the ball has crossed the line or not. What we don't want is the game breaking away and the ball in the back of the net at the other end of the pitch before a decision has been made."

Now retired as a professional referee, Bennett will remain in the game coaching the next generation of referees to ensure there is a steady stream available for the future, and felt his decision to blow the whistle on a 26-year career was the right one.

"I'd rather finish on a high than go through a season and maybe regretting it," he said.

"It gets harder and harder every year and I was happy in my own mind that the time was right to stop when I did."

NO REGRETS: (left) Steve Bennett has seen it all during his career but felt it was right to hang up his whistle, and (above) Bolton boss Owen Coyle questions the Orpington official last season

'I'd rather finish on a high than go on for a season too long'

Orpington's former Premier League referee, Steve Bennett, talks about his career and decision to blow time on the job after 26 years in the game to coach future men in the middle



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

FACT FILE

NAME: Steve Bennett

SPORT: Football

BORN: Farnborough, Kent

AGE: 49

HOME TOWN: Orpington

ACHIEVEMENTS: Refereed FA Cup final in 2007, League Cup final in 2005, UEFA Champions League referee, Premier League referee for 11 years

WHAT NEXT: Coach the next generation of referees



PRAISE: Steve Tilson is impressed with Dover striker Adam Birchall

Tilson tips Dover ace for league return

FORMER Southend United manager Steve Tilson has tipped Adam Birchall to return to the Football League if he keeps firing in the goals for Dover Athletic this season.

Tilson, who spent seven years in charge at Roots Hall, has joined the Conference South club on a

temporary basis to fill in while assistant manager Paul Joynes is away on holiday.

The former Shrimpers boss is a close friend of Dover manager Martin Hayes and has been happy to lend his support to the Whites.

The 44-year-old has been impressed by the standard of foot-

ball at Dover and believes striker Birchall has the potential to attract attention from Football League clubs.

Tilson said: "I spoke to him last week and I told him if he scores 20-25 goals this season then teams will come and take him. It's probably more difficult for players at this

level to get the opportunity to move into the Football League, but I'm sure there are a few at this level who can make it."

Tilson has been out of work since leaving Southend last month and said he has enjoyed being back on the touchline and helping Dover start the new campaign.



Pictures: ADY KERRY

Spitfires in action

Kent Spitfires v Nottinghamshire Outlaws

1.45PM START AT ST LAWRENCE

KENT return to action in the Clydesdale Bank 40 today when they entertain a Nottinghamshire side who start the day second in Group C.

The last two games in the competition have yielded mixed results for the Spitfires, with Rob Key's side losing to Hampshire by two runs, but recording an eight-wicket victory against Leicestershire.

With a top-two spot the minimum requirement for qualification to the semi-finals, fourth-placed Kent have work to do if they are to keep their hopes alive, with four fixtures now remaining.

Azhar Mahmood is likely to be rested to give him every chance of playing in Kent's final championship games.



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KENT HUNT FOR NEW DEVELOPER TO BUILD HOTEL

Chairman unhappy about waiting for contract

EXCLUSIVE

By **GLENN PEARSON**

WORK on the redevelopment of the St Lawrence Ground is set to finally get under way next month, but part of the £8.2 million project faces further delays.

Building work on the two sites designated for housing it's hoped will begin next month after Kent's final home game at the Canterbury ground on September 10, but the club have been forced to go back to the drawing board with the hotel arm of the development. Vantage were due to build a 123-bed hotel at the ground in Old Dover Road, but Kent have now engaged in talks with new hoteliers after chairman George Kennedy claimed the company had run into financial difficulty.

Recession

He said the club had "waited a long time" for contracts to be exchanged and he "can't wait forever" to begin a project that was first announced as far back as 2007.

"The developers putting up the hotel have had problems raising the money – the recession is still hitting that industry," he said. "While they still want to do the development, I'm not sure that when the hotel is built it will be done by the same people."

"Vantage have been unable to come up with the contract so what we have said is we can't wait forever, we've waited a long time. So we're looking elsewhere and we are now talking to different parties."

Kennedy stressed it would not delay the



Pictures: ADY KERRY



NET GAIN: Work will begin on the new netting area next month but chairman George Kennedy (left) says the club 'can't wait forever' to begin redevelopment work

He explained: "We got the blessing from the council to change our plans which was very useful indeed. The changes included a 106 agreement, which did not mean we had to build houses and the hotel at the same time. The hotelier has let us down quite badly, the houses are ready to go, but couldn't be built until we got this particular piece of planning changed."

Facelift

"The council were extremely helpful so we are hoping to start the housing development and the ground refurbishment very soon."

It's been a long road for Kent, who announced plans of a facelift for their Canterbury ground three years ago, but suffered a setback after losing housing partner Persimmon to the effects of the recession. Bellway have since taken up the mantle and work is expected to be carried out on the Bat & Ball site and the net area towards the end of next month.

New Gills deal for Stanley's efforts

Picture: ADY KERRY



EXTENSION: Midfielder Stanley Aborah

GILLINGHAM are likely to extend Stanley Aborah's short-term contract to give the midfielder a chance to prove himself at Priestfield.

The former Ajax player is attempting to rebuild his career after 18 months on the sidelines with a thigh injury. Despite being well short of match fitness, the 23-year-old showed enough in Gillingham's pre-season to earn a month-by-month contract.

Almost half the initial deal has elapsed, but Aborah is yet to make his debut after picking up another, albeit minor, thigh injury. He is due to begin training again next week and, providing his international clearance arrives, could make the squad for Saturday's trip to Morecambe.

Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler is looking to trim his squad in the next few weeks, but does not want to prematurely turn his back

on Aborah, a player he feels could make a big impact in League Two.

He said: "Stanley will train next week and may be available for Morecambe. The injury is disappointing for him because he's only on a month-to-month contract, it's a tricky one for us as well and we'll have to see how he is."

"The thing is he's got a thigh problem which is what he was out with before. For us it's a bit of a worry, but I think to give him a chance he will be given another month."

Aborah is one of several players who are due to move from the treatment table to training pitch in the next few days. Dennis Oli (hamstring) should rejoin the squad next week, while Cody McDonald (foot), Barry Fuller (knee) and Mark McCammon (hamstring) may all get a run out next week if the club can arrange a behind-closed-doors friendly.